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Whoop! Here's the store that gives you most;
You will find we make no empty boast,
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Grand Slaughter Room Making Sale

We are closing out our Gainesville, Denison and Fort Worth houses, all at once, and we will ship the Fort Worth Stock to McKinney, and we are compelled to make room for it, so we have decided to

Knock all the Props out and sell our Entire Stock now in McKinney at Absolute Cost.

Our cost mark is hung over our counters so that you can be your own salesman. We mean business. We want to realize $20,000 out of this stock before our Fort Worth stock comes. Come as soon as you can, before we are rushed so that we cannot wait on you at once. This is the grandest opportunity that the people of McKinney will have this year. Remember we reserve nothing. All our spring and summer goods are included in this grand sacrifice sale. We have only about twenty days to make room for the immense stock of our Fort Worth house and WE MUST MAKE ROOM FOR IT.

Here, Look at These Prices:

300 Pairs fine Cassimere pants, sold at 1.50 now	$1.00
Jeans pants worth 75 and 80 cents only	60c
Child's knee suits each only	48c
Boys knee pants	5c
A dandy good pair knee pants only	18c
Duck pants, per pair	35c
An elegant cottonade pants, per pair only	45c
Ladies waists, a big job only	35c
Elegant 75c and 85c grade ladies waists, each	50c
$1.00 and $1.25 grade ladies waists now	75c
Ladies Oxford ties	55c
Ladies fancy finish kid oxfords only	62½
Ladies French kid sample shoes worth $1.75 to $2.25 all go at	$1.10

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All our Groceries at COST.

On these goods we have been saving you 100 per cent. Now the bottom goes out and we save you 40 per cent more. This 40 per cent represents the profits we have made on groceries besides saving you 100 per cent and now just think of it, we have knocked this off and now you have the only chance to buy $1.00 worth of groceries with a 50c dollar.

$1.25 bed spreads only	85c
85c bed spreads	45c
$1.00 grade table linen, per yard only	76c
85c grade table linen, per yard only	66c
75c grade table linen per yard only	55c
50c grades table linen, per yard only	38½
25c grade table linen, per yard only	18c
8⅓c grade gross cloth	5c
7c grade gross cloth	4½c
6c grade calico	4¼c
5c grade calico	3½c
4c grade calico	2½c
25c grade peprell bleach sheeting, per yard	19½
20c grade peprell bleach sheeting at	15c
35c grade organdies, per yard now	18½c
8⅓ India linen, only	6c
7c India linen only	5c
6¼c India linen only	4½c
8⅓c grade gingham	6c
6¼c grade gingham	5c
5c grade gingham	3½c
52 Ingloria silk, per yard	60c
Needles, per paper	5c
1½ dozen safety pins	5c
1 dozen lead pencils	5c
10 spools thread	25c

Remember we have just received 282 pieces embroideries and the way they are going is an insurance of the cheapness of the price paid.

Chevet shirting, per yard	5c
6c grade cotton checks per yard	4c
12½ grade bleach domestic per yard	7c

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ONLY 20 DAYS,

And the prices we quote are for quanty on hand only. You must come first if you want the choice bargains we are offering. These goods are not for Merchants or Peddlers. We want the People to get the direct benefit of this grand sale. This is the time your 50-cent dollar will buy you $2.00 worth of goods. This is no idle talk. **WE MUST MAKE ROOM FOR $25,000 WORTH OF GOODS** and this is the plan we adopted "to sell the goods we have on hands at cost." We are getting our goods in shape so you can wait on yourselves. We won't have time. Come and see how you like waiting on yourselves.

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John C. Curry met a horrible death at Beaumont, Jefferson county, Tex., last week. A huge cypress log four feet in diameter which was being rolled up an incline broke loose and rolled back over him grinding his body into a shapeless pulp.

General News.

Frank Wilson, a 14-year old boy was killed by lightning near Ennis on the 6th.

Mamie Terrel, a negro woman, was shot to death while asleep at Ferris, Tex., last week. Burnett Hart was arrested for the crime.

J. D. McCutchen killed a negro named Murrey Daniels at Longview, Texas, Thursday.

Robert Dannenberger and his wife were killed by lightning on on the 7th while at work in their field in Gillispie county Tex.

Little 12-year old Willie Blackburn was drowned in a tank in Waller county last week.

While preparing to attend lodge George Miller dropped dead at Ardmore, ltst week of heart failure.

A joint committee of the Florida legislature has recommended the impeachment of State Treasurer Collins. Collins crime consists in his having deposited $50,000 of the state funds in an unstable bank which failed later.

Wm. Bryan, a kinsman of William J. Bryan, was murdered at Cando, N. D., last week for money.

Chas. Young died of poison last week at Kountze, Tex.

United States Senator Call withdrew from the contest for reelection before the Florida legislature on the 7th.

Chas. Wilson was overcome by heat in Chicago last Thursday while the thermometer registered about 85 deg. This was the first case of heat prostration this year in that city.

Charlie Henderson, a young Navarro county farmer, was killed by a thunderbolt on the 6th. instant while plowing. Death was instantaneous.

Andrew Foster, the 12-year old son of W. H. Foster, a wealthy planter, residing near Dallas, died last week from the effect of blood poisoning. Three weeks ago he stuck a bois d'arc thorn in his foot. The foot swelled and was amputated, but too late to save his life.

A double and what may yet prove a quadruple murder, occured at the farm home of Alexander Harris, who resided about 5 miles south of Waukesha, Wis., at an early hour Friday morning, the victims being Mr. Harris, his wife, hired girl and hired man. The crime was committed, it is supposed, by a farm hand named William Pouch, who had been sheltered by the farmer over night. The dead and wounded are: Alexander Harris, aged about 45, killed outright; Mrs. Harris, aged 44, killed; hired girl, fatally wounded; hired man, probably fatally wounded. The man is thought to be insane, although the house was robbed. After finishing his bloody work the murderer mounted a bicycle and rode away. He started in a southwesterly direction over the Mukowan road, and the supposition is that he has headed for Burlington. A posse of farmers are in hot pursuit and the chances are he will be captured. They openly vow that they will lynch the murderer.

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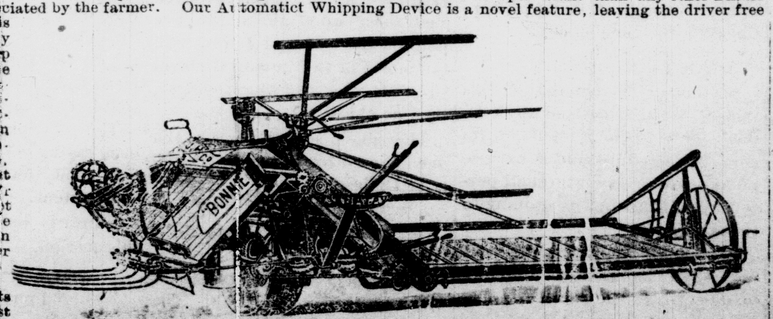

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Real Estate Transfers.

The following is a list of the real estate transfers filed for record in the county clerk's office at McKinney for the week ending May 7, 1897:

Neel Emily and John to G R Smith, undivided one-fourth interest in 80a G A Martin sur, $1 and legal services in removing cloud from title.

Looney Isaac A to B E Looney lot in McKinney, $301.

Turner R B and M E to J P Crouch, 147 1-4a Wm Hemphill sur, 33 3-4a Joab Butler sur, $4550.

Hale Edgar R and wife to Mary Brown, one-third undivided interest in 100a W A S Bohanan sur, $300.

Baccus Godfrey S to I M and J G Bradley, undivided one-half of 20a Montgomery Bush sur, $70.

Knighton A W tax collector to James Corington, redemption receipt, 80a Collin county school land abstract No 149, $16.45.

Jasper T C to Mrs Margaret Fouche surviving widow etc, lot in Plano, $150.

Smith John R and M T to A J Lee 110a, Thomas J Lewis sur, $3500.

Gerrish C W and wife to Henry T Jordan, lot in Allen $500.

Foote Edwin and wife to R C Reese tract of land in John Copeland sur, $180.

Mack Mrs Mattie L to Mrs Nannie L Marney, undivided one-half interest in lot in Plano, $250.

Marney Nannie L nee Cook and R C Marney to Mrs Mattie L. Mack undivided one-half interest in two lots in Plano, $250.

Cook J H, Z H and Wesley to Mrs Mattie Mack and Mrs Nannie L Marney, lot in Plano $10 and three tracts of land on White Rock creek out of estate of John Cook deceased.

Finley Mrs G M to J H Cook, all right, title, interest and estate real and personal in estate of John and Rebecca Cook, $850.

Dudley D I and wife to John and Parolee Cook, lot in Plano, $500.

Chaddich Mrs M J et al to John Cook, undivided interest in 2 lots in Plano, $200.

Kennedy G W, guardian to John Cook, interest in 2 lots in Plano, $100.

Cook John to Mattie L and Nannie L Cook, lots in Plano, $5 love and affection.

Mack Mattie nee Cook and Lucy Marney nee Cook to J H, Z H and Wesley Cook, all right, title, and interest to real, personal and mixed estate of John and Rebecca Cook, $250 and exchange of lands.

Taylor Sarah E to M J Beall 51a, J C Brantley sur, $1500 natural love and affection.

Atkinson G W and Nora to J T Atkinson, lot in Plano, $900.

Officers Elected.

The McKinney Engine and Hose company of the fire department elected the following officers Thursday night for the ensuing year: W. M. Abernathy, Pres.; George Moore, vice Pres.; K. K. Kerr, Sec.; E. A. Newsome, Treas.; Joe Barnes, foreman; Cliff McDowell, assistant foreman; F. P. Brooks, Jim Moore and Quince Cummins, engineers; Jesse Atkinson, driver of hose wagon: Roll Stiff, assistant driver; John Moore, driver hose reel.

Marriage Bells

Marriage licenses recorded in the county clerk's office, McKinney, for week ending May 7:

Arthur Tally	and	Vira Roberson,
J. P. Dale	and	Emmer Gotcher,
W. D. Saling	and	Nellie Fields,
Lee Dale	and	Mrs. Mary E. Melton,
J. C. Glenn	and	Lizzie M. Bryan,
J. H. Hall	and	Eller Childress,
W. E. Bostwick	and	Mrs. Laura Evans
L. H. Moorehead	and	Mattie L. Rike,
T. W. Massey	and	Rosa Marriott,
Porter Lipton	and	Lollie Marshall,
C. D. Robertson	and	L. M. Sherman.

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Causes fully half the sickness in the world. It retains the digested food too long in the bowels and produces biliousness, torpid liver, indigestion, bad taste, coated tongue, sick headache, insomnia, etc. Hood's Pills cure constipation and all its results, easily and thoroughly. 25c. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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Ah, yes, sir! the times have been bitter,
And we've suffered from hunger and cold.
Seems strange to say such a thing, sir,
In this land of sunshine and gold.
But there are days in fair California,
When the clouds and rains combine
To make one just long for a fire, sir;
Yes, 'tis good for the fruit and the vine.

But poor folks don't think of that side, sir;
And then, when you're hungry as well,
With the brave wife and child gaunt and suffering
For food and for clothes, need I tell
It makes a man feel sort of desperate,
Though I'm not of the desperate kind?
Came of good old New England farm people:
Some things make a man crazy I find.

When we first came out here from New England
We'd a neat little snm laid aside,
And were happy as birds in the springtime,
You see, Nellie was then just a bride.
Once we went to the park—the "Elysian,"
We climbed side by side to the height
And gazed just entranced on the vision
Of city, and ocean and light.

Then I took off my hat in the sunshine,
And I said, "O, my Nell! if God wills
We'll make a home in this city,
On one of these beautiful hills.
We are young and our lives are before us,
Mother Earth gives a lavish behest
In rich lands and glorious climate,
We can surely succeed with the rest."

But luck seemed to be plumb against me,
Though I worked like a slave every day;
Fruit raising, or chickens, or butter,
I couldn't make anything pay.
So the little home went for the mortgage,
And our small store was swallowed up quite;
I suppose it was just tee hard times, sir,
The hard times, settling down like a blight.

Then we went into sorry, mean lodgings,
So loathesome to smell and to sight.
But Nell and the babe bore up bravely,
And seemed just as cheery and bright
And I then tried to hunt for employment,
But, O, sir, the search was in vain,
For hundreds were hunting beside me,
Ah! the sorrow, and sickness and pain!

Enough to last one a lifetime!
I almost forgot how to smile,
And poor little Nell—took in washing,
Though she kept it from me all the while.
I suppose it was that and the worry
That made her so thin and so pale;
And the baby just pined and dwindled,
Grew everyday more weak and frail.

I can have work at last! O, I thank you!
That's grand news! That gives me new life!
Just wait till I call to my darlings—
Come here quickly, my baby—my wife!

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My God! O my God! I remember;
I fear my brain is quite dark.
Don't you know they are both dead and buried?
Dead! and buried this morning! Hark!
Go back to the men who have sent you,
Just leave me alone to my fate—
And tell them they came too one poor soul,
With their work and their pity—too late?

—E. R. L. in Los Angeles Herald.

Duties Assigned.

At a special meeting of the Engine and Hose company Friday night the newly elected officers and members were assigned the following duties in case of fire:—

F. P. Brooks, Quince Cummins and Jim Moore, engineers.

W. M. Abernathy, Jim Anderson, John McKinney, Roll Stiff, Cliff McDowell, linemen.

George Moore, Press Duncan, Less White, H. D. Oates, Arthur Anderson, Tom Webb, Nozzle.

K. K. Kerr and Tom Hesley, firemen.

Bob Worsham, engine driver.

Jess Atkinson, hose cart driver; Roll Stiff, assistant hose cart driver.

John Moore, hose reel driver.

Joe Barnes, foreman; C. McDowell, assistant foreman.

H. C. Herndon and E. A. Newsome to act as fire police and take charge of property.

W. M. Abernathy, Pres.

Fight Against Saloons.

Topeka, Kan., May 8.—The people of Topeka have declared war upon the unlawful saloon. A week ago a handsomely appointed saloon was oyened in the principal street of the city after an absence of twelve years, and it has been claimed that liquor was being sold there openly. The state of affairs sufficed to provoke a mass meeting at Hamilton hall, the largest auditorium in the city last night, which was attended by 3000 people. H. A. Vance, president of the State Temperance union, called the meeting to order. Early in the proceeding a sensation was caused by ex-Senator Wm. F. Peffer and A. L. Williams, general attorney for the Union Pacific, making speeches, in which they advised that the people take the law into their own hands ane destroy the saloons by force if necessary. When the assemblage had been worked up to a state of more or less excitement a notorious negro joint keeper endeavored to reply to one of the speakers. The secretary of the meeting took the negro by the teroat and thrust him from the stage, when other men grabbed him and threw him out of the hall. The meeting, after listening to several fiery speeches, adopted resolutions calling upon Gov. Leody to remove the Topeka police commissioners and demanded that the city and county officers prosecute violators of the law. The chairman was authorized to appoint acommittee of five to "see that these demands be complied with."

Calamity City.

Climax, Tex., May 8, 97.—The elements continue to weep, regardless of consequences Henry Slater and family of Whites Grove were mingling with friends here Sunday.

Messrs. J. H. Smith and Elmer Stanford went to Dallas last week to attend the unveiling.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Scott of Farmersville, attended services here Sunday.

Grandma Haley after several weeks visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dudley, has returned to her home in Merit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sledge have returned from a plesant visit to relatives in Millwood and Wylie. They were accmpanied home by their daughter Mrs. Brown of Wylie.

Mr. Jones and wife are visiting relatives in Collinsville this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill of Whites Grove were plesant visiters in our community this week.

Profs. T. M. Hinsley and Fax Striplins were in our midst last week.

Little Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alec Hartman was burried at Plesant Grove cemetery last Monday.

Mise Alice Miller of Midway and Miss Bessie Frost of Sister Grove were in our midst Sunday.

Our second quarterly conference will be held ar Pleasant Grove May 22sd. jand23rd.

Hazel Eye.

Letter Writers Observe!

If correspondents would write their return address on the upper left hand corner of all letters it would be much better for all parties concerned and fewer letters would be sent to the dead letter office at Washington there to be opened and then returned to the senders. This precaution is being observed more thoroughly all the time and its good results are attested by the following extract from a letter to the McKinney postmistress written by Perry S. Heath First Assistant Postmaster General:

"During the past three years there has been a large yearly decrease in the number of unclaimed letters sent to the Dead-letter Office. A careful investigation shows that this is to be attributed to a more careful and efficient delivery, and to the fact that the people are more generally availing themselves of the privilege of placing the name and address of the senders upon all matter which they desire returned upon failure of delivery.

"You are, therefore, requested to constantly use your influence in educating the people in this matter, calling attention to the benefits to be derived in having their undelivered mail returned direct, instead of being sent to the Dead-Letter Office thereby increasing the danger of loss or damage."

On the 7th the grand jury returned seven indictments against Dwight W. Andrews, ex-state grain inspector, and Ben F. Jenkins, ex-cashier of the state grain inspector's office, both being accused of embezzling state funds. Andrews is accused of embezzling a total of 11,450, and his bonds are fixed at $9500. Jenkins is charged with taking $3200. He is accused of having been accessory to all the charges against Andrews, and his bonds are fixed at $9000.

Reuben D. Bowen of Paris, Texas, filed a $25,000 damage suit against the estate of E. J. Hart fi Co., one of New Orleans largest drug establishments.

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"	No 3	10:32 a. m
"	No. 15	1:38 p. m.
"	No 1	8:13 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:17 a. m.
"	No. 16	2:48 p. m.
"	No 4	5:58 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	9:48 p. m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	10. 45 a. m.
Local "	3:00 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	6.25 p.m
Local "	10. 30 a. m

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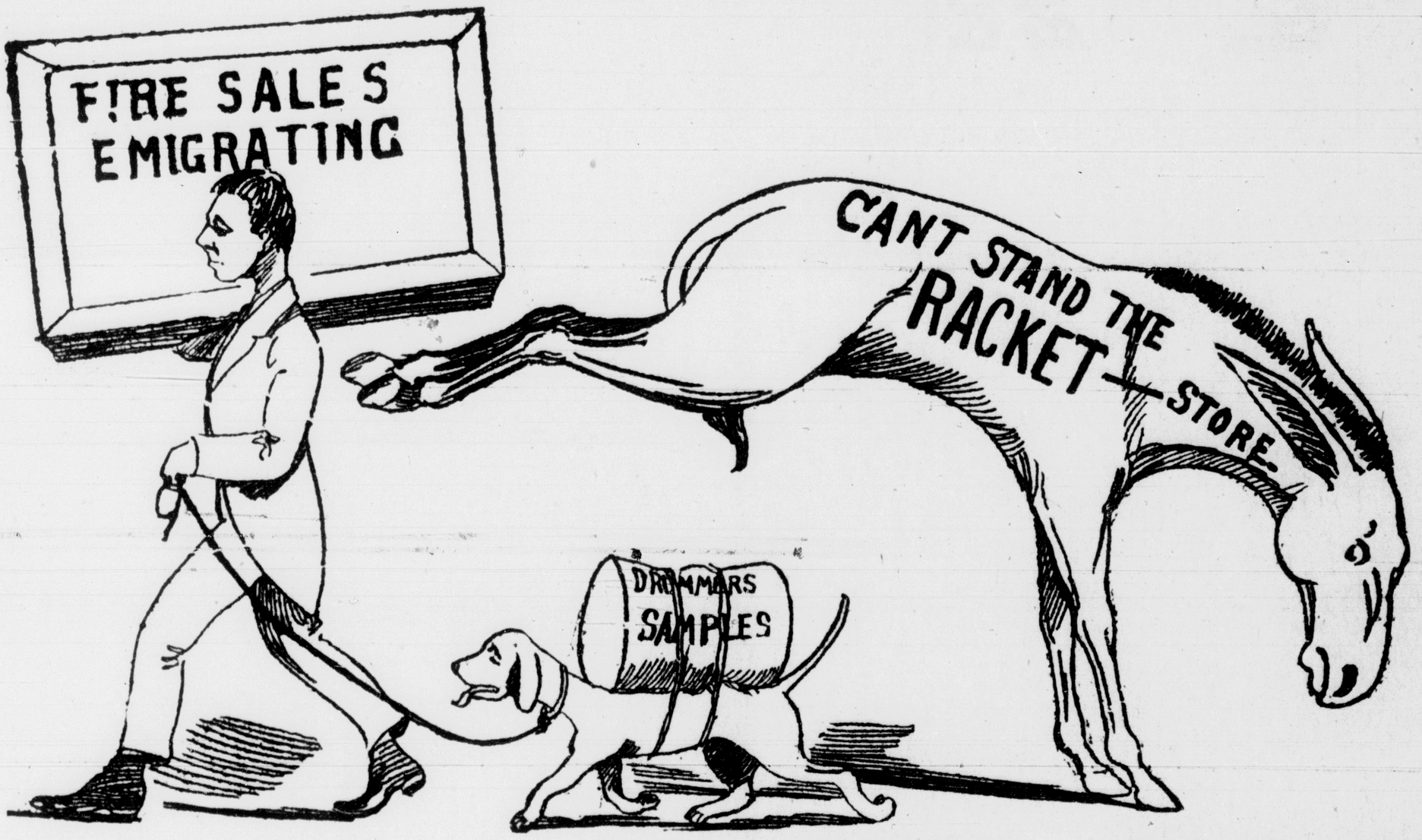

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The Racket Store.

THE DEMOCRAT.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1897.

F. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor
WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

THE curfew law went into effect at Greenville Texas last Friday night at 9 o'clock.

THE Nevada Hustler is the latest visitor to our exchange table. It is edited by Mr. Evans and merits a hearty support.

CINCINNATI had a two inch snow the 2nd instant. Four days later Chas. W. Wilson was prostrated by heat on the streets of Chicago. Quite a contrast of weather.

IN a Dallas News interview Barnet Gibbs says Dallas will make an effort to secure the next meeting of the State Alliance. Inducements sufficient to win it will be offered by that interprising metropolis.

ON the fourth page of this issue we reprint chairman Bradley's call for mass meetings for the 29th instant. Populists especially should read it and post themselves on the objects of the conference to be held at Nashville July 4th.

IT IS the impression that the ground upon which the battle of San Jacinto was fought is rendered for taxation at $2 or $3 an acre. If this is a fact and the state pays from $25 to $50 an acre for it, the conclusion will be irresistable that the people were choused—Dallas News.

Blood Poison

Feet and Limbs Swelled—No Relief Found Until Hood's Sarsaparilla Was Tried—Entirely Cured.

"Last winter my little boy contracted blood poison by wading in stagnated water. He swelled up from his feet to his knees and from his waist to the end of his fingers. One side of his body swelled and he had a high fever. I bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I gave him the medicine and Hood's Pills and they cured him of what was a severe case of blood poison." MRS. H. WALLSTRIN, 2020½ Q Street, Galveston, Texas.

"I have been in poor health for several years and tried bitters, tonics, pills and plasters until I was almost out of patience, and began to think my case hopeless. My husband bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and I began taking it. When I had finished the first bottle I had a better appetite. After taking three bottles I felt stronger and better than for years." MRS. [illegible] Bowles, Waco, Texas.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

George Patton, a negro, living in West Guthrie, claims to be 114 years old. He was formerly a slave in Alabama and has papers to prove his age. He remembers well incidents occurring at the opening of the century.

IGNATIUS DONNALLY has retired to his home at Hastings, Minn., for a brief rest from his hard work in the Minnesota state legislature just closed. He says: "The only thing I take much pride in is the fact that I pursuaded the house to pass my resolution instructing our delegation in congress to vote for government ownership of telegraph lines, and too by an almost unanimous vote. There is a distinct trend of public thought towards our principles and I hope to see next year very large accessions from the republican party."

SOME months since Gen. E. A. Mexia died in the city of Mexico. His estate is estimated to be worth $200,000. His property is in Mexico and Texas. His Texas property consists in 55,000 acres of black land in north Texas. He left one son and two daughters. His son, Clarence, was practically disinherited. He will try and break the will and has started proceedings in the Dallas courts. The wife of Clarence Mexia has lived in Dallas nine years having moved there from Mexia, Texas. She is divorced from her husband and has three children living with her. She makes her living by sewing. The suit is expected to create a sensation.

JOHN DAVIS is one of the ablest populists in the country. Two terms he served the fifth Kansas congressional district in the national congress, and won the plaudits of all for his fidelity to duty. We reproduce the following strong endorsement of him:

"John Davis is one of the most industrious men in congress. Besides being punctual in attendance and keeping up all branches of official work, he does a prodigious amount of writing for papers and magazines. In the east he is regarded as one of the wildest of the Populists, and yet he is a more conservative man than Senator Sherman, and has never advocated a scheme which is half as unsound as the plans which are constantly emenating from the self-styled financiers."

W. J. BRYAN,

In the Omaha World-Herald, February, 14, 1895.

"Can We Follow Bryan?"

Some time since in an editorial under the caption, "Can we follow Bryan?" the Mineola Courier among other things says:

"If he clings to the intrinsic value theory, and some other barbaric ideas held by the democracy, he is not the sort of man that progressive people should encourage. We cannot afford to help a man who will teach error to the people. If he believes in the barbaric idea of intrinsic value, he is our enemy and should be so considered. If we endorse that theory, we had as well be democrats or republicans at once. We are not republicans nor democrats, and we will not subscribe to their antiquated ideas. We are fiatist, pure and simple, and believe in a purely scientific money."

The writer is a populist and a through believer in populist principles, and in perfect harmony with his belief in these principles he is a great admirer of Wm. J. Bryan. The Courier is uncertain as to Mrs. Bryan's belief in the intrinsic value theory of money. There ought not to be uncertainty here. Mr. Bryan reiterated again and again throughout the campaign one fundamental proposition, that ought to forever settle the question of his disbelief in the intrinsic value theory of money. Populists who really understand their own financial principles of "Scientific money," ought to have understood this proposition from the first, that—"The value of a dollar is determined by the number of them"—the quantitive theory. If there is anything else that will determine the value, or purchasing power, of a populist dollar, the writer would like for some wise populist to explain. Taking it for granted that no such attempts will be made, he asserts as a truism, that is "the value of a dollar is determined by the number of them," as Mr. Bryan declares then the material out of which the dollar is made can have nothing to do with it, and the intrinsic value theory falls to the ground. Mr. Bryan is to logical a man not to know where this principle followed to its legitimate conclusion will always lead him. It leads, in fact it is a clear declaration of the fact, that were an equal amount of paper money substituted to-day for our gold money, every dollar of this paper would have the same value or purchasing power possessed by the gold dollars thus displaced. This is nothing but common sense—in application of that universal law, of course and effect, and that old principle of supply and demand. Money is itself but a commodity designed specially for a more covenient storing up of values, and its supply—its quantity plentiful or scarce—makes its exchange for greater or less quantities of other things.

Mr. Bryan's whole course has been consistent. He has stood as a beacon light declaring as no candidate ever did before, that principle was above party. Realizing the intensity of partisan prejudice, he at all times accredited honesty and sincerety to the masses in all parties. There is no act of demagogery that can be pointed to in his conduct throughout the campaign. His was a constant appeal to man's most noble heritage—his manhood and his reason. He had the moral courage on every occasion to tell his audience to vote their honest convictions, and that no man ought to vote for him who believed in the gold standard, but all should study the question and then vote their honest sentiments. From this lofty plain of patriotism he spoke, untrammeled by the foibles of the politician, or the blindness of the portion, for whom he expressed his contempt when he declared that he had more respect for the man, who after thinking could not agree with him, than he had, for the man who agreed with him without thinking. That these matchless traits of character are not more largely the subject of praise, is evidence only of benumed moral sensibilities—of consciences calloused by the sordid instincts of gain, and self-preservation which in the struggle between avarace and necessity have been stimulated to their last extremity.

May such character as exemplified by Mr. Bryan multiply and drive from the field the dissembling demagogue of to-day. Before the year 1900 shall close the people will need the wise and patriotic council of men endowed solely with the love of country and their fellow man, and who possess the moral courage to honestly fight for their convictions.

C. E. OBENCHAIN.

CASTORIA

EX-TENNESSEEANS.

Constitution Adopted.--Special Meeting.--General County Rally in June.

At the regular weekly business meeting of the ex-Tennesseeans' society, Saturday night, some important matters were attended to, A special call meeting will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday, and it was decided to have a general meeting or county rally of all ex-Tennesseeans and descendents in McKinney the first Monday in June.

The committee on constitution and by-laws recommended the adoption of the following constitution, which was done unanimously:

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. Name and Membership.

Section 1. This Society shall be known as the Tennessee Society of Texans.

Section 2. Any native Tennesseean or a descendent of a Tennesseean, male or female, residing in Texas may become a member of this Society upon application to the Recording Secretary of any Society organized under this constitution, stating the county of their birth of their father or mother, as the case may be, together with their post office address in Texas, and such other information as may be desired by said secretary, shall have the power to refuse to enroll any applicant of a notoriously disreputable character, subject to appeal by the party rejected to the Executive Committee of the Society, to which he may make application for membership.

Article 2. Officers:

Section 1. The Officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two vice-Presidents, a recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary, who shall perform the functions pertaining to those offices.

Section 2. The foregoing officers shall be elected annually on Jan. 8. In the event that no election is held on that day they shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Article 3. The Executive Committee and its powers defined.

Section 1. The elective officers named in article 2, section 1, with the President of all auxiliary societies, shall be an executive committee to whom shall be entrusted the making of by-laws, the calling of meetings of the society, the arrangement of excursions and reunions, to attend to all other business tending to promote the aims and purposes of the Society and to appoint all committees, financial and special, and for all other purposes.

Section 2. The Society of Dallas shall be known as the Central State Society and the Executive Committee of all auxiliary societies throughout the state organizing on the plan of the Central Society are requested to correspond and cooperate with the executive committee of the Central Society and, when need be, to assemble at the call of said committee in person or by chosen representatives in the city of Dallas for consultation, for the purpose of promoting the aims of the societies throughout the state, central and auxiliary, to arrange for excursions, reunion and the ways and means of preserving reminiscences and reliable traditions, historical and biographical, of the founders of civilization and free government in the valley of the Mississippi, and especially of the commonwealth of Tennessee and the Republic and the State of Texas; to preserve records of the achievements of the generation of citizens who have preceded them in the building up of Society and social institutions upon the foundations laid by them and in promoting commercial and educational progress in the Empire State of the South

Article 4. Banner and Badges.

The banners and badges of the Societies, Central and Auxiliary, organized under the constitution shall bear upon them the five pointed Lone Star of Texas, with the motto of the immortal David Crockett "Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

The above constitution is the one adopted by the Central Society at Dallas.

Public Schools Close.

The present term of city schools will close Friday, May 28th. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached the night before. On the night of the 28th, the graduating exercises will be held in some auditorium not yet selected.

CASTORIA

A Distressing Death.

Sherman, Tex., May 8.—Word has been received from Pilot Grove, in this county, of the sad death of a lady, Mrs. John Sloan, wife of an old and well known citizen. She has been ill for some time, and for quite a while has been under the influence of opiates. Physicians have for some days noted delirium, but no one apprehended any serious results. Her little daughter, who has been quite ill also, woke up about 2 o'clock this morning and missed her mother. The alarm was given and after a search of the premises her body was found in the well. She had evidently been in there an hour before the fact was discovered.

Lebanon Sittings.

May 10th 1897.

The residence of Mr. Bumgardner came near being destroyed recently by flames which originated from a lamp explosion. Miss Clelia, his daughter, left the lamp burning in the parlor for a few minutes and during her absence the explosion occurred. By extraordinary presence of mind Mr. Bumgardner closed all doors and windows. Thus shutting off drafts he succeeded in saving his home not before, however, the organ and home interior furnishings were blackened and charred.

Adam Teel has a very sick child with catarrhal pneumonia.

C. S. Dennard has two very sick children.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bumgardner have a small girl at their house.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Humphries visited T. B. Carroll and family Sunday.

Two or three of Mr. S. W. Heck's children have been quite sick but are now improving.

The whooping-cough that has been raging in this neighborghood for some time, has subsided to some extent.

Wheat is looking very fine in this section. "BIMET"

From Bowlby.

May 10, 97.

Farmers are tolerably well up with their work, wheat and oats are very good corn is looking well cotton is most all up and plowed once.

Mr. Yeargan and Miss Mamie Moore were married at the home of the bride's parents at 10 a. m, last Sunday, Rev. R. K. Mosely officiciating. Two hours later all present partook of a good dinner and went their way rejoicing.

Next Saturday the 15th is decoration day at Walnut Grove.

Whooping cough is still in our midst.

Our school closed Friday week April 30st., Prof. W. A. Parker gave the school and spectators a treat to ice cream. They all had a nice time.

Last Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner lost their little 4-year old daughter. On the day following her remains was entered at Walnut Grove cemetery.

Today the 10th, we had a good rain every thing will grow fast.

Miss Leona Bryant visited Miss Katie Chandler last Saturday night.

Mrs. Will Mathews, has been visiting her parents in Tarrant county recently.

George Rutherford is still at his father's. He said crops in Coryell county, where he lives are drowned out.

Jim Hickey and family spent last Sunday with T. R. Crutcher of near Walnut Grove.

CENTRAL.

The Gar-fish is Poisonous.

G. W. Lovell, since coming from Farmersville, Collin county, has heard a great deal about the efficacy of garfish oil but he is willing to testify that it is the most expensive article on the market in that line. He secured a big gar captured in Lavaca bay by Judge A. W. Parham. It took nearly a cord of wood to stew down the huge fish and only a spoonful of the clear oil was the net result, for the denizen of the deep had just come out of winter quarters and was lean and hungry.

But this was not all of the expense attached to getting the spoonful of oil, for the meat and eggs of the savage fish were fed to the poultry and the loss of several dozen frying size chickens was the result, and Mr. Lovell has decided to quit the fish oil business..

John T. Shine of Collin county, has also gone out of the fish oil business for similar reasons. Garfish meat is always death on poultry as the old settlers will testify.—The Port Lavacaen.

E. L. Oldham, a mail contractor was killed by lightning last week in Oklahoma.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Tried Friends Best.
For thirty years Tutt's Pills have proven a blessing to the invalid. Are truly the sick man's friend.

A Known Fact
For bilious headache, dyspepsia sour stomach, malaria, constipation and all kindred diseases.

TUTT'S Liver PILLS
AN ABSOLUTE CURE.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Frank Hibblts is now presiding over a chair at the Foote House barber shop.

Miss Elliot Harris has returned from Comanche. Texas.

Moth balls cheap enough for anybody to use at Smith Bros.

Bill Stiff returned last week from a trip to the coast country.

The Nickle Store stands unrivaled in Collin county as a bargain house.

Mesdames W. L. Boyd and J. L. Greer visited in Dallas last week.

Neatsfoot oil for harness at Smith Bros.

Swan Foreman has accepted a position in a Fort Worth drug store.

Lightning Ice Cream Freezers, the best on the market at THE FAIR.

Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Parker returned from a visit to Wylie relatives.

Price Goostree & Houston's groceries. They invite you to.

L. L. Talkington and wife, of Bloomdale, visited friend and relatives in the Hub Saturday.

Experience proves the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves.

Jess Mounger, a well known barber of this city, has gone to Shreveport, La.

Maggie, the little 4. year old daughter J. P. Turner of Rock Hill, died Sunday morning after a short illness of whooping cough and fever. Interment in walnut Grove cemetery. The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of all in the loss of their precious darling.

Is that a blizzard? No! it's only wind passing over Mate Barnett's cold drinks!

Good insect powder for 50cts per lb at Smith Bros.

Trade with Goostree & Houston and you will always get fresh groceries.

Little Master Paul Wilson was a caller at THE DEMOCRAT sanctum Monday. He left a beautiful bouquet of varied perfume, blooms and buds to remind us of his pleasant visit.

"Going into a decline." How often do we hear this expression. What does it mean? It means that people are losing flesh, growing thin, wasting.

The way to correct this condition is to improve the digestion The condition arises from an inability to eat and digest food. In fact food does more harm than good because it ferments and petrefies in the stomach, developing poisonous subs.ances which when absorbed, cause varions disorders.

What is required is that the stomach be made to perform its duties. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is a food already digested and a digester of foods as well. It will make the stomach healthy. Get a book from the druggist and read about it.

A California chemist has robbed Castor Oil of its bad taste.

Buy a good hair brush at Smith Bro's. It is worth lots of hair tonic

Rich, Red and Pure Blood can be had by using Dr. Simmons Sarsaparilla. Only 50 cents per bottle and 50 full doses for an adult

Mrs. M. L. McMenamy, mother of W. J. and T. L. McMenamy, is recovering from a serious illness She resides in Farmersville,

The Westfield (Ind.) NEWS prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—and never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. for sale by City Drug Store.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair,

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Drs. Hunn and Largent paid Altoga a profesional visit Saturday.

When you want to buy a house and lot in McKinney or a farm in the country call on F. W. Mack. Upstairs in Newsome building.

Mrs. Alex Rhea, of Dallas, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Murphy viisited in Sherman Snnday.

Prof. Tom Lewis will teach a summer school at Hegcoxe.

Mrs. Maude Powell is visiting in Gainesville.

The Grand Lodge' colored Knights of Pythias are in session at Sheaman.

Dr W. S. Bowden, dentist, has recently located in McKinney. His family arrived Saturday.

The Melissa public school closes tomorrow. W. M. Erwin of the county board of examiners is teacher.

A. A. Driver, who has been teaching in this county, returned to his home at Floyd last week.

The Collin County Milling Co., has moved its office from the south side of the square to the mill.

Profs. C. F. Trotter and G. P. Brown have been elected teachers of the approaching summer Normal. Prof. Reed is conductor.

Mrs. Maude Maydwell left yesterday for a week's visit to Corsicana relatives.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	5½ to 6½cts.
Wheat per bus	90cts,
Corn per bus	35 to 40cts.
Oats per bus	23 to 25cts.
Hay baled per ton	$8.00 to $9.00.
Millet hay per ton	$7.00 to $7.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.00 to $2.60.
Millet seed per bus	40 to 50cts.
Meal per bus	45cts.
Straw per ton	$6.00
Chops per cwt	85cts.
Bran per cwt	85cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 15cts.
Eggs per doz	6 to 8cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.90 to $3.10.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.00 to $2.25.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4½cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.50 to 2.25.
Cotton seed per ton	$7.50.
Sorghum seed per bus	$1.00.
Alfalfa per ton	$9.00.

THE MONTH OF ROSES.

May is called the month of flowers, because under the increasing heat of the sun, vegetation blossoms rapidly and lends its varied hues to beautify the landscape.

During this month also there are unusual disturbances in the human body. Winter diet, the foul air of close rooms, insufficient exercise, have left the system full of impurities, which, under the influence of warm weather manifest themselves in biliousness, tired feelings, sallowness, sluggish brain, nervousness, indigestion, loss of sleep. These symptoms are only forerunners of more serious diseases sure to follow, unless measures are taken to purify and strengthen the vital organs At this season the cleansing, regulating and strengthening properties of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS are particularly appropriate. It is four medicines in one. A kidney tonic, liver regulator, stomach stimulant and bowel purifier. A few doses taken when the annoying bilious symptoms appear will strengthen and tone up the system and enablf the body to pass through the heat o the summer unaffected by the diseases common to the season. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Sent Free!

To any person interested in humane matters, or who loves animals, we will send free upon application, a copy of the "ALLIANCE," the organ of this Society. In addition to its intensely interesting reading, it contains a list of the valuable and unusual premiums given by the paper

Midway Notes.

May 7th 1897.

Grandma Cole is convalescing.

Mrs. Will Norman is quite sick.

Some of our young people attended the Blue Ridge picnic.

Bob Lafevers, of Sister Grove, was in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Frizzell, Miss Alice Miller, Messrs George Hanna, Frank Box, Parker Prather and Jasper Miller attended church at Illinois, Sunday.

Will Cogsdil and family were the guests of John Box Sunday.

Harve Miller left Tuesday for Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bomer visited Mr. Larkin and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller and J. P. Miller were in Farmersville Tuesday.

The merciless hand of death has again been felt in our midst to the great sorrow of Mr. and Mrs. Elec Hartman whose beloved son, Leonard, was borne to the unseen and mysterious beyond. He was a kind, lovable son and a favorite with all. Many friends and relatives followed the remains to Pleasant Grove cemetery where he was laid to rest Monday.

Green be the grass where Leonard sleeps,
And flowers in silece bloom;
To shed their fragrance through the air,
Around about the tomb.

VIOLET.

THE SHERMAN, SHREVEPORT AND SOUTHERN RAILW'Y COMPANY.

Through Service Between McKinney and Jefferson.

Two daily trains; Tickets sold via this route to points North, East, South or west Connection with the H. & T. C. at McKinney; M. K. & T. and Cotton Belt at Greenville and T. & P. at Jefferson. For further information apply to your local agent or address,

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[illegible]am, G. F. & P. A. Greenville, Texas.
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On Tuesday evening next the 18th, there will be a Literary and Musical entertainment at the opera house for the rectory fund of the Episcopal Church. There will be an attractive programme, and our local talent will be assisted by parties both of Dallas and Greenville.

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Rev. J. F. Alderson, D. D., of Farmersville, will deliver sermons on the following subjects at Anna commencing at 11 a. m. the third Sunday in June: "Apostasy," "Subjects of Baptism," "Communion," "Design of Baptism." Rev. Alderson is regarded as one of the strongest doctrinal preachers in the M. E. Church South.

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G. W. Bailey, a Chinese lecturer, will lecture at the C. P. church three nights beginning tonight. Admission fees will be charged.

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The colored Baptists had a baptising in Wilson creek near Buck's bridge Sunday. The ordinance was administered to thirteen candidates.

Newt McKinney returned last week from Houston where he went as delegate of the Endeavor to the state convention.

Rev. Joel S. Graves preaches next Sunday at 11 and at night.

The eighth annual Christian Endeavor convention of Texas at Houston was not so large, comparing attendance, as the previous one at San Antonio but its success out shone all the others. H. H. Grotthouse, the beloved Dallas Endeavor, was elected president. The superintendents of the eleven districts are: San Antonio, Mrs. J. C. McKinney, San Antonio; Austin, Bernard Brown, Taylor; Galveston, Rev. H. F. Armistead, Galveston; the Rev. George M. Oakley, Marshall; Paris, John H Porter, Paris; Dallas, Plummer Harris, McKinney; Gainesville, S. R. Ludlow, Sherman; Vernon, A. A. Low, Vernon; El Paso, F. E. Morris, El Paso; Brownwood, M. G. Hargrave, Brownwood; Colby Hall, Waco. The chairman of the committee on awards, reported that the medal presented at San Antonia for the district superintendent who performed the greatest Christain Endeavor work during the year, had been won by Plummer Harris, superintendent of the Dallas district. It was presented at San Antonio to the superintendent of the Galveston district.

The medal is a Texas star upon a golden sunset, the words "Texas Union" being engraved on the star, one letter of each words being upon each point of the star. In the center of the star are the raised enameled letters "C. E." The bar from which the medal is suspended is engraved in black enamel, "Presented by William G. Bell, 1896." Upon the reverse of the medal is the word "Fidelis." The McKinney C. E's are pardonably proud of their local president whose ceaseless energy for Christ and his cause has thus been recognized throughout the state. All will be proud to learn Mr. Harris was retained as president of the Dallas district which is composed of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall and Johnson counties.

Literary Societies.

Program to be rendered by the members of the Athenaeum and Sapphonian Societes of the McKinney College, Friday evening, May 14, 1897.

PROGRAM.

Invocation.—Rev. S. K. Hallam.

Instrumental music.—Miss Addie Bailey.

Declamation.—Mr. Claude D. White.

Instrumental music—Miss Florence Melton.

DEBATE.

Resolved, "That the Old Bachelor's Station in Life is Superior to that of the Old Maid's." Affirmative, J. S. Dowell Jr.; Negative, Miss Lena R. Love.

Violin.—Miss Lizzie Jernigan.

Speech.—Mr. Tom H. Horn.

Oration.—Mr. J. H. Ferguson.

Vocal Solo. — Miss Maggie Shain.

Recitation. — Miss Belle Matthews.

Paper.—Society.

Benediction.—Rev. E. E. King.

Everybody cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

CASTORIA.

Chas. H. Fletcher

MASS MEETING.

Of Collin County Populists called by Chairman Forbes to meet in McKinney.

Blue Ridge, Tex., May 11th, 1897.—To the populists of Collin county: In accordance with the call of State Chairman Bradley, I hereby call you to assemble in mass meeting in the city of McKinney at 1 p. m. Saturday, May 29th for the purpose of considering matters of grave importance.

The main object of this mass meeting is to determine whether the populists of Collin county are favorable to or stand opposed to the national delegated conference called to meet in Nashville, Tenn. July 4th, by a committee of seven appointed by the late Memphis meeting of National Reform Editors. It might be well for me to state that serious differences of opinion are entertained by members of our party in reference to the propriety of holding this Nashville meeting. National chairman Butler is opposed to it and claims that a majority of his committee believe like him that this meeting is inexpedient and unwise, while the chairman of the National Reform Press Association committee also claims that he too has corresponded with a majority of the national committeemen and that they are for the National meeting.

If the populists of Collin county decide for this national delegated conference July 4th, they will take action on such matters as are indicated in Chairman Bradley's call published elsewhere in this issue, to-wit; to vote for, and against fusion, for and against officeholders and candidates participating in our conventions and for and against proxy representation in any of our meetings.

"That one delegate for each 100 votes and majority fraction thereof cast for Major Kearby last year be elected to attend the congressional convention that will be called to elect delegates to the Nashville conference in case of a majority of our party so vote. Where counties did not cast 100 votes for Kearby, have no organization or the county chairman fails or neglects to call said meetings, it is suggested that the individual populists assemble at the county seat on the day designated and take the vote and elect delegates in the regular manner heretofore mentioned.

That at these meetings a roll book be opened, the name and address of every populist present entered therein and is thought advisable a central county populist club organized.

That all the meetings resolutions be passed expressing the sense of the body upon such other matters as may suggest themselves to those participating in said meetings." E. C. Forbes.

Co. Chairman.

For Sale.

I have two Minneapolis Engines, two Taylor & Aultman Threshers, two Corn Shellers and one Cotton Gin, all of which I wish to sell in preference to renting, as I cannot well look after them myself. Will give a bargain to purchaser. Anyone wishing to be ready with machinery for the incoming harvest is requested to call and see me at as early a date as possible, as it will be money to you and an opportunity to have everything ready for business when the time arrives. Come immediately and see me for terms and price, at the Gazette Office, McKinney, Texas. Respectfully yours,

F. M. Thompson.

For Sale.

220 acre farm 6 miles West of Plano, best quality of land and all in cultivation. For particulars apply to F. M. Collinsworth on the place or to J. Poitevent, Palmetto, Fla. 5-13-4

Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of the McKinney Collegiate Institute will occur Wednesday night, May 26th. Several graduates will be turned out on this occasion and a highly entertaining program will be rendered by the pupils. Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Sulphur Springs, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night in the Baptist church. President Dodson and faculty feel a just pride at the eminent degree of success attending their diligent labors to place the Institute on an established basis as a high graded educational institution during the present and past terms. McKinney joins with them in these feelings of pride, and contemplates with the keenest interest its recurring annual commencements.

Cruel Death.

The announcement, Sunday evening, of the death of Mamie Largent caused a hush and gloom of sadness to settle over the town. Few, even, of the relatives knew of her illness which lasted less than twenty four hours and the sudden shock of its fatal termination was a sad blow to the widowed mother, brothers and sisters.

The deceased was the 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. I. T. Largent and a sister of Dr. J. W. Largent. She had only lived in McKinney a few months, having moved with her mother from Melissa, but her kindly disposition had won the affection of all her school mates during the brief period of her residence here. Saturday evening she was seized with congestion and rapidly grew worse and worse, in spite of all medical attention, until death relieved her suffering. At noon Monday her school mates, under the direction of the teachers, marched in a body to the residence and left numerous beautiful wreathes and boquets of flowers as tokens of their love for a departed companion. Quite a number followed the remains to the Melissa cemetery where the burial occurred at 3 p. m. Eld. R. V. Stapp conducting the funeral rites. Six girls, members of T. E. Shirley's Sunday school class of Melissa, acted as pall bearers and sorrowfully bore the body of her who had long been one of their number, to its narrow bed within the grave.

"Go to thy rest, fair child!
Go to thy dreamless bed,
Gentle, and meek, and mild,
With blessings on thy head:
Fresh roses in thy hand,
Buds on thy pillow laid,
Haste from this blighting land,
Where flowers so quickly fade."

General News.

Douglas Owens a young white man was shot and killed Sunday morning near Hubbard City, Texas.

J. W. Dunham while riding to Collinsville, Grayson county was struck by lightning and both man and horse were instantly killed Sunday. The bolt unjointed Dunham's neck, passed through his saddle, but left no mark on the horse.

A Nebraska Judge sent the mayor and the entire city council of Auburn, to jail last week for contempt.

Maj. Macnama committed suicide in Kansas Sunday rather than be sued for a $20 debt which he could not pay.

A little child of M. M. Burey, of Shawnee, Ok., wandered from home last Saturday and fell into a hole under the escape pipe of the engine at a mill near by, being scalded to death by escaping steam.

Trustee Election.

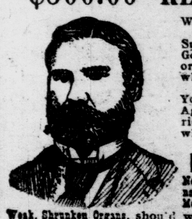
By order of the Commissioners Court, the trustees of each school district are appointed to hold said election for the purpose of electting one trustee, also to elect one or more to serve out the unexpired term caused by death, resignation or otherwise. Said election shall open at 10 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m., June 5th, 1897.

W. W. SHEPHERD, Co. Supt.

County Jail.

Henry Thomas and Hard Hardin were sent to the road May 6th, also Jesse Hammer, all to work out large fines. Jim Thompson, white, was released May 8th, on a $500 bond. He was confined on a charge of bigamy. These releases leave only nine prisoners in the county jail which only a short time ago contained in the neighborhood of thirty.

$500.00 REWARD



Will be paid for any case of Syphilis, Stricture, Gonorrhœa, Gleet, or Blood Poisoning which my remedies fail to cure.

Young, Old, Middle Aged, Single, Married Men and all who suffer from the effects of

LOST MANHOOD

Nervous Debility, Unnatural Losses, Failing Memory, Undeveloped, Weak, Shrunken Organs, should write him for his

FREE BOOK OF TESTIMONIALS

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CATARRH—The treatment is mild and agreeable and based on scientific principles. Catarrhal diseases are dependent on some taint in the organism and it is by eradicating it that I CURE CATARRH.

BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES.—Old Ulcers, Old Sore Legs, Eczema, causing unbearable burning and itching of the skin, Pimples and Blotches on the face, Sore Scalp, causing falling hair.

KIDNEY AND BLADDER DISEASES.—Causing pain in back, scalding urine, frequent micturition, brick dust and other sediment in the urine.

DISEASES OF WOMEN.—All irregular and painful menstration, displacements, causing bearing down sensations, with pain in groins. All unnatural and weakening discharges Sterility or barrenness.

Consultation at office and by mail free and confidential. Send for symptom blank. Correspondence solicited.

CALL ON OR ADDRESS,

DR. E. A. HOLLAND,
1015 Congress Avenue,
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

The Democrat Supplement.---May 13, 1897.

Ex-Senator Coke's condition remains critical. The paralysis is slowly extending over his body.

WITH this week's issue The Teacher's Exchange suspends publication. Editor Armstrong set in to give it a three months' trial and says "Our trial has been made and we are now satisfied."

THE ship Leona, Capt. Wilder, bound from New York to Galveston, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire Sunday. Congressman John W. Cranford and family of Sulphur Springs were passengers and had a most thrilling experience, but all escaped without injury. Thirteen victims were cremated in the flames.

T. A. Baldwin, a widely known and myrthful Dallas News representative, called on The Democrat Saturday. He is an apostle of the creed enunciated in the following couplet:

"Care to our coffin adds a nail no doubt,
And every laugh so merry draws one out."

YESTERDAY at Washington D.C., the United States Supreme Court decided in favor of the American Bell Telephone Company in the celebrated Berlinger case. The decision was sweeping and complete, maintaining the patent in all respects. The decision retains in the hands of the American Bell Company and its licenses, the telephone business of the country for a number of years to come.

THE Democrat editor acknowledges the receipt of a certificate of membership from the Wako Karnival Klub. May 19 and 20 are destined to furnish the greatest attraction in Texas during 1897. The fifty or more queens, representing as many cities, with their floats will form a beautiful spectacle, and, yet, this is said to form only a small feature of the great program.

SHERMAN has had two suicides in the last week. City Treasurer Hedrick was one of the victims, shooting himself through the head after failing by the morphine route. Ill health and grief over the loss of his wife were the causes. A cattleman named Ricks from Yoakum was the other. No cause was assigned by him for his contemplated self-destruction though he deliberately planned every detail leading up to the act and for the disposition of his body after death.

A one and a half horse power gasoline engine is now furnishing the propelling force for running fans placed in Smith Bros. drug store and Doc Turner's barber shop this week.

Farmersville Budget.

Farmersville, Texas, May 12.

The heaviest rain that has visited this section in many years fell early this morning, flooding the railroads and damaging bridges to a considerable extent.

The 7-months-old infant of H. B. Bass was buried this afternoon.

Drs. John and Will Bunkley are in from the west, called here by the death of their father, B. J. Bunkley, which took place last week.

The I. O. G. T. picnic, which was to have taken place here today was postponed until June 9, on account of the continued heavy rains. Rev. Homer T. Wilson, of Fort Worth, and other prominent speakers will be present on that occasion.

J. W. Crayton, of the Times, is in attendance upon the meeting of the State Press Association at Greenville.

Miss Cassie Hancock, of Henderson, Texas, is visiting her uncle, Dr. H. A. Hancock and family.

Mrs. G. W. Reeves and two children left last evening for Brenham, Texas, where her husband has charge as pastor of the Baptist church.

L. E. Bumpass is compelled to use a crutch on account of getting a nail stuck in his foot some days since.

J. P. Utt has gone to Clay county to look after his farm interests. He will remain there until after harvest.

D. T. Reece, of Denison, is visiting relatives here.

Dr. W. A. Bell left Tuesday for Atlanta, Ga., to visit his father. He will be absent several weeks.

T. F. Simington of this city received the sad news of the death of his father which occurred at his home, Pocahontas, Ark., last Monday.

The city council is in session to-day. This is the time for the election of teachers for the ensuing year. ORIENT.

Murphy & Co., have received at their store one of Mr. T. C. Perry's patent umbrella stands incased in glass. Every detail of it is perfection itself and merchants pronounce it the best thing out for displaying umbrellas, parasols, and canes.

Prof. Hodges, music teacher of Dallas, has located in McKinney.

Sheriff Coffey paid Blue Ridge a professional visit yesterday.

Delta is a little county but it has two sheriffs.

Major J. H. Walton is in Houston this week.

The Sunday liquor violation cases set for trial in in the city court Tuesday were postponed a few days.

Mrs. Betty Levy and daughter, Mrs. W. J. Walker, of Austin, are visiting their daughter and sister, Mrs. James Cooper here. They came up from Rockwall where they spent a few days visiting.

RAIN WIND AND HAIL

Sweep The Indian Territory And Portions Of Texas With A Destructive Breath.

Between midnight and six o'clock yesterday morning the Indian Territory and portions of Texas pere swept by a destructive hail storm accompanied by general heavy rains and stiff winds which in many places unroofed houses and damaged fences and timber.

IN THE TERRITORY.

Ardmore, I. T., May 12.—Reports from a number of interior towns lying on this side of the Caddo, Bayou and Wasnita rivers the damage wrought by Monday night's wind and rain storm much greater than so far reported in these columns. No daily mail east ar west has been received here since the freshet, as the streams are still swollen and unfordable. Caddo and Bayou are higher than ever known.

Mr. Russell, the mail carrier between Berwyn and Springer, reports great damage done at Springer, twelve miles north of here, by the flood. The water was five feet deep on the main street of Springer. A number of valuable horses and several head of cattle were drowned before they could be released. Women and children were placed on horses backs and carried to the hills. The hotel was wrecked and a portion of it washed entirely away. The business house of J. B. Smith was flooded and his stock damaged.

Reports from Mannsville state that owing to a cloudburst the creek running through that village rose seven feet in five minutes, inundating farms and carrying away buildings and fences and doing great damage to growing crops.

At Earl and vicinity reports a cloudburst flooding the towns and washing chickens, hogs, fences and small buildings away. The river at Earl is reported higher than was ever known and still rising.

At Mannsville 15,000 feet of lumber and a large quantity of logs were carried away by the flood. The storm washed away the supports of the large smoke stack on Hollingsworth mill, which fell, doing much damage.

IN THE PANHANDLE.

More rain has fallen in this vicinity for the past two weeks than possibly the same time in years. Last night hail and general rains descended in torrents. At this writing the heavens are overspread with dark clouds and rain pouring, hence crop prospects are good. Panhandlers never complain of too much rain, so sure later on of having too little.

A disastrious hail storm visited a strip of country lying ten miles west of McKinney about 3 oclock and devastated cotton, wheat, corn, and oat crops. Many fields that yesterday contained corn plowed the second time and cotton worked to a stand, are to-day perfectly barren, the sharp hailstones having mowed them as effectually as a cycle. Several farmers will mow their wheat which was in head and plant cotton. Only a small strip of territory suffered from hail, but the rainstorm was general all over the county and in some places the wind did slight damage to fences, shade trees, etc. J. P. Turner and farmers of his immediate neighborhood were the worst sufferers.

In Morris county the rain was heavier than for years. Roads are impassible, bridges washed away and farms and fences badly damaged. All lowlands over-flowed and crops mixed. At Abilene it will necessitate planting cotton the third time. At Gainesville another tremendous downpour of rain last night and with it came an electric storm that lasted for fully an hour. The lightning was blindingly brilliant and the thunder shocking. A grander and yet more formidable sight has not been seen in Gainesville. All sorts of crops suffered greatly in Wise county, and cotton will have to be planted again. Ten or twelve houses were blown off their foundations at Chico. The house occupied by Mrs. Dale was torn to pieces. She was not seriously hurt. Barns and other outhouses were blown down all over town. C. H. Coldwater's stone house was unroofed.

The wind was almost a hurricane at Bonham and one arc light was demolished by lightning.

Picnic.

Grand Basket Picnic at Orenduff's Lake 3½ miles north of McKinney, May 23. The greatest event of the season. All Sunday schools are hereby cordially invited to come and join in the festivities. Plenty of good music. Speaking by the most eminent speakers of the state. Boat racing, sack racing, wheel-barrow racing, balloon ascension and parachute leap at 3 p. m. Come and bring your baskets well filled

J. H. and J. W. Orendorff,
McKinney, Texas.

I have some good saddle horses, buggies and roadsters to hire. Call at the old reliable ALLISON WAGON YARD. Scott Allison, Proprietor.

The date of the entertainment for the Episcopal church is changed from the 18th to 20th.

Miss Ruby Roylston, of Mansfield, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Polly. Miss Ruby was partly raised in this city having moved away from here 11 years ago.

Messrs Smith and Doty wish to notify their friends that they are better prepared than ever to serve them when wanting a shave or hair cut. They have just placed in a three chair combination in their shop near the depot.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

Tried Friends Best.

For thirty years Tutt's Pills have proven a blessing to the invalid. Are truly the sick man's friend.

A Known Fact

For bilious headache, dyspepsia sour stomach, malaria, constipation and all kindred diseases.

TUTT'S Liver PILLS

AN ABSOLUTE CURE.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Frank Hibblts is now presiding over a chair at the Foote House barber shop.

Miss Elliot Harris has returned from Comanche. Texas.

Moth balls cheap enough for anybody to use at Smith Bros.

Bill Stiff returned last week from a trip to the coast country.

The Nickle Store stands unrivaled in Collin county as a bargain house.

Mesdames W. L. Boyd and J. L. Greer visited in Dallas last week.

Neatsfoot oil for harness at Smith Bros.

Swan Foreman has accepted a position in a Fort Worth drug store.

Lightning Ice Cream Freezers, the best on the market at THE FAIR.

Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Parker returned from a visit to Wylie relatives.

Price Goostree & Houston's groceries. They invite you to.

L. L. Talkington and wife, of Bloomdale, visited friend and relatives in the Hub Saturday.

Experience proves the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves.

Jess Mounger, a well known barber of this city, has gone to Shreveport, La.

Maggie, the little 4. year old daughter J. P. Turner of Rock Hill, died Sunday morning after a short illness of whooping cough and fever. Interment in walnut Grove cemetery. The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of all in the loss of their precious darling.

Is that a blizzard? No! it's only wind passing over Mate Barnett's cold drinks!

Good insect powder for 50cts per lb at Smith Bros.

Trade with Goostree & Houston and you will always get fresh groceries.

Little Master Paul Wilson was a caller at THE DEMOCRAT sanctum Monday. He left a beautiful bouquet of varied perfume, blooms and buds to remind us of his pleasant visit.

"Going into a decline" How often do we hear this expression. What does it mean? It means that people are losing flesh, growing thin, wasting.

The way to correct this condition is to improve the digestion The condition arises from an inability to eat and digest food. In fact food does more harm than good because it ferments and petrefies in the stomach, developing poisonous subs.ances which when absorbed, cause various disorders.

What is required is that the stomach be made to perform its duties. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is a food already digested and a digester of foods as well. It will make the stomach healthy. Get a book from the druggist and read about it.

A California chemist has robbed Castor Oil of its bad taste.

Buy a good hair brush at Smith Bro's. It is worth lots of hair tonic

Rich, Red and Pure Blood can be had by using Dr. Simmons Sarsaparilla. Only 50 cents per bottle and 50 full doses for an adult

Mrs. M. L. McMenamy, mother of W. J. and T. L. McMenamy, is recovering from a serious illness She resides in Farmersville.

The Westfield (Ind.) NEWS prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. for sale by City Drug Store.

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MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Drs. Hunn and Largent paid Altoga a profesional visit Saturday.

When you want to buy a house and lot in McKinney or a farm in the country call on F. W. Mack. Upstairs in Newsome building.

Mrs. Alex Rhea, of Dallas, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Murphy viisited in Sherman Sunday.

Prof. Tom Lewis will teach a summer school at Hegcoxe.

Mrs. Maude Powell is visiting in Gainesville.

The Grand Lodge' colored Knights of Pythias are in session at Sheaman.

Dr. W. S. Bowden, dentist, has recently located in McKinney. His family arrived Saturday.

The Melissa public school closes tomorrow. W. M. Erwin of the county board of examiners is teacher.

A. A. Driver, who has been teaching in this county, returned to his home at Floyd last week.

The Collin County Milling Co., has moved its office from the south side of the squars to the mill.

Profs. C. F. Trotter and G. P. Brown have been elected teachers of the approaching summer Normal. Prof. Reed is conductor.

Mrs. Maude Maydwell left yesterday for a week's visit to Corsicana relatives.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	5½ to 6½cts.
Wheat per bus	90cts,
Corn per bus	35 to 40cts.
Oats per bus	23 to 25cts.
Hay baled per ton	$8.00 to $9.00.
Millet hay per ton	$7.00 to $7.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.00 to $2.60.
Millet seed per bus	40 to 50cts.
Meal per bus	45cts.
Straw per ton	$6.00
Chops per cwt	85cts.
Bran per cwt	85cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 15cts.
Eggs per doz	6 to 8cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.90 to $3.10.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.00 to $2.25.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4½cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.50 to 2.25.
Cotton seed per ton	$7.50.
Sorghum seed per bus	$1.00.
Alfalfa per ton	$9.00.

THE MONTH OF ROSES.

May is called the month of flowers, because under the increasing heat of the sun, vegetation blossoms rapidly and lends its varied hues to beautify the landscape.

During this month also there are unusual disturbances in the human body. Winter diet, the foul air of close rooms, insufficieut exercise, have left the system full of impurities, which, under the influence of warm weather manifest themselves in biliousness, tired feelings, sallowness, sluggish brain, nervousness, indigestion, loss of sleep. These symptoms are only forerunners of more serious diseases sure to follow, unless measures are taken to purify and strengthen the vital organs At this season the cleansing, regulating and strengthening properties of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS are particularly appropriate. It is four medicines in one. A kidney tonic, liver regulator, stomach stimulant and bowel purifier. A few doses taken when the annoying bilious symptoms appear will strengthen and tone up the system and enablf the body to pass through the heat o the summer unaffected by the diseases common to the season. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Sent Free !

To any person interested in humane matters, or who loves animals, we will send free upon application, a copy of the "ALLIANCE," the organ of this Society. In addition to its intensely interesting reading, it contains a list of the valuable and unusual

Midway Notes.

May 7th 1897.

Grandma Cole is convalescing.

Mrs. Will Norman is quite sick.

Some of our young people attended the Blue Ridge picnic.

Bob Lafevers, of Sister Grove, was in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Frizzell, Miss Alice Miller, Messrs George Hanna, Frank Box, Parker Prather and Jasper Miller attended church at Illinois, Sunday.

Will Cogsdil and family were the guests of John Box Sunday.

Harve Miller left Tuesday for Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bomer visited Mr. Larkin and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller and J. P. Miller were in Farmersville Tuesday.

The merciless hand of death has again been felt in our midst to the great sorrow of Mr. and Mrs. Elec Hartman whose beloved son, Leonard, was borne to the unseen and mysterious beyond. He was a kind, lovable son and a favorite with all. Many friends and relatives followed the remains to Pleasant Grove cemetery where he was laid to rest Monday.

Green be the grass where Leonard sleeps,
And flowers in silece bloom;
To shed their fragrance through the air,
Around about the tomb.

VIOLET.

THE SHERMAN, SHREVEPORT AND SOUTHERN RAILW'Y COMPANY.

Through Service Between McKinney and Jefferson.

Two daily trains; Tickets sold via this route to points North, East, South or west Connection with the H. & T. C. at McKinney; M. K. & T. and Cotton Belt at Greenville and T. & P. at Jefferson. For further information apply to your local agent or address,

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On Tuesday evening next the 18th, there will be a Literary and Musical entertainment at the opera house for the rectory fund of the Episcopal Church. There will be an attractive programme, and our local talent will be assisted by parties both of Dallas and Greenville.

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Rev. J. F. Alderson, D. D., of Farmersville, will deliver sermons on the following subjects at Anna commencing at 11 a. m. the third Sunday in June: "Apostasy," "Subjects of Baptism," "Communion," "Design of Baptism." Rev. Alderson is regarded as one of the strongest doctrinal preachers in the M. E. Church South.

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G. W. Bailey, a Chinese lecturer, will lecture at the C. P. church three nights beginning tonight. Admission fees will be charged.

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The colored Baptists had a baptising in Wilson creek near Buck's bridge Sunday. The ordinance was administered to thirteen candidates.

Newt McKinney returned last week from Houston where he went as delegate of the Endeavor to the state convention.

Rev. Joel S. Graves preaches next Sunday at 11 and at night.

The eighth annual Christian Endeavor convention of Texas at Houston was not so large, comparing attendance, as the previous one at San Antonio but its success out shone all the others. H. H. Grotthouse, the beloved Dallas Endeavor, was elected president. The superintendents of the eleven districts are: San Antonio, Mrs. J. C. McKinney, San Antonio; Austin, Bernard Brown, Taylor; Galveston, Rev. H. F. Armistead, Galveston; the Rev. George M. Oakley, Marshall; Paris, John H Porter, Paris; Dallas, Plummer Harris, McKinney; Gainesville, S. R. Ludlow, Sherman; Vernon, A. A. Low, Vernon; El Paso, F. E. Morris, El Paso; Brownwood, M. G. Hargrave, Brownwood; Colby Hall, Waco. The chairman of the committee on awards, reported that the medal presented at San Antonia for the district superintendent who performed the greatest Christain Endeavor work during the year, had been won by Plummer Harris, superintendent of the Dallas district. It was presented at San Antonio to the superintendent of the Galveston district.

The medal is a Texas star upon a golden sunset, the words "Texas Union" being engraved on the star, one letter of each words being upon each point of the star. In the center of the star are the raised enameled letters "C. E." The bar from which the medal is suspended is engraved in black enamel, "Presented by William G. Bell, 1896." Upon the reverse of the medal is the word "Fidelis." The McKinney C. E's are pardonably proud of their local president whose ceaseless energy for Christ and his cause has thus been recognized throughout the state. All will be proud to learn Mr. Harris was retained as president of the Dallas district which is composed of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall and Johnson counties.

Literary Societies.

Program to be rendered by the members of the Athenaeum and Sapphonian Societes of the McKinney College, Friday evening, May 14, 1897.

PROGRAM.

Invocation.—Rev. S. K. Hallam.

Instrumental music.—Miss Addie Bailey.

Declamation.—Mr. Claude D. White.

Instrumental music—Miss Florence Melton.

DEBATE.

Resolved, "That the Old Bachelor's Station in Life is Superior to that of the Old Maid's." Affirmative, J. S. Dowell Jr.; Negative, Miss Lena R. Love.

Violin.—Miss Lizzie Jernigan.

Speech.—Mr. Tom H. Horn.

Oration.—Mr. J. H. Ferguson.

Vocal Solo. — Miss Maggie Shain.

Recitation. — Miss Belle Matthews.

Paper.—Society.

Benediction.—Rev. E. E. King.

Everybody cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

CASTORIA.

Fac-simile Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on the wrapper.

MASS MEETING.

Of Collin County Populists called by Chairman Forbes to meet in McKinney.

Blue Ridge, Tex., May 11th, 1897.—To the populists of Collin county: In accordance with the call of State Chairman Bradley, I hereby call you to assemble in mass meeting in the city of McKinney at 1 p. m. Saturday, May 29th for the purpose of considering matters of grave importance.

The main object of this mass meeting is to determine whether the populists of Collin county are favorable to or stand opposed to the national delegated conference called to meet in Nashville, Tenn. July 4th, by a committee of seven appointed by the late Memphis meeting of National Reform Editors. It might be well for me to state that serious differences of opinion are entertained by members of our party in reference to the propriety of holding this Nashville meeting. National chairman Butler is opposed to it and claims that a majority of his committee believe like him that this meeting is inexpedient and unwise, while the chairman of the National Reform Press Association committee also claims that he too has corresponded with a majority of the national committeemen and that they are for the National meeting.

If the populists of Collin county decide for this national delegated conference July 4th, they will take action on such matters as are indicated in Chairman Bradley's call published elsewhere in this issue, to-wit; to vote for, and against fusion, for and against officeholders and candidates participating in our conventions and for and against proxy representation in any of our meetings.

"That one delegate for each 100 votes and majority fraction thereof cast for Major Kearby last year be elected to attend the congressional convention that will be called to elect delegates to the Nashville conference in case of a majority of our party so vote. Where counties did not cast 100 votes for Kearby, have no organization or the county chairman fails or neglects to call said meetings, it is suggested that the individual populists assemble at the county seat on the day designated and take the vote and elect delegates in the regular manner heretofore mentioned.

That at these meetings a roll book be opened, the name and address of every populist present entered therein and is thought advisable a central county populist club organized.

That all the meetings resolutions be passed expressing the sense of the body upon such other matters as may suggest themselves to those participating in said meetings." E. C. Forbes.

Co. Chairman.

For Sale.

I have two Minneapolis Engines, two Taylor & Aultman Threshers, two Corn Shellers and one Cotton Gin, all of which I wish to sell in preference to renting, as I cannot well look after them myself. Will give a bargain to purchaser. Anyone wishing to be ready with machinery for the incoming harvest is requested to call and see me at as early a date as possible, as it will be money to you and an opportunity to have everything ready for business when the time arrives. Come immediately and see me for terms and price, at the Gazette Office, McKinney, Texas. Respectfully yours,

F. M. Thompson.

For Sale.

220 acre farm 6 miles West of Plano, best quality of land and all in cultivation. For particulars apply to F. M. Collinsworth on the place or to J. Poitevent, Palmetto, Fla. 5-13-4

Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of the McKinney Collegiate Institute will occur Wednesday night, May 26th. Several graduates will be turned out on this occasion and a highly entertaining program will be rendered by the pupils. Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Sulphur Springs, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night in the Baptist church. President Dodson and faculty feel a just pride at the eminent degree of success attending their diligent labors to place the Institute on an established basis as a high graded educational institution during the present and past terms. McKinney joins with them in these feelings of pride, and contemplates with the keenest interest its recurring annual commencements.

Cruel Death.

The announcement, Sunday evening, of the death of Mamie Largent caused a hush and gloom of sadness to settle over the town. Few, even, of the relatives knew of her illness which lasted less than twenty four hours and the sudden shock of its fatal termination was a sad blow to the widowed mother, brothers and sisters.

The deceased was the 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. I. T. Largent and a sister of Dr. J. W. Largent. She had only lived in McKinney a few months, having moved with her mother from Melissa, but her kindly disposition had won the affection of all her school mates during the brief period of her residence here. Saturday evening she was seized with congestion and rapidly grew worse and worse, in spite of all medical attention, until death relieved her suffering. At noon Monday her school mates, under the direction of the teachers, marched in a body to the residence and left numerous beautiful wreathes and boquets of flowers as tokens of their love for a departed companion. Quite a number followed the remains to the Melissa cemetery where the burial occurred at 3 p. m. Eld. R. V. Stapp conducting the funeral rites. Six girls, members of T. E. Shirley's Sunday school class of Melissa, acted as pall bearers and sorrowfully bore the body of her who had long been one of their number, to its narrow bed within the grave.

"Go to thy rest, fair child!
Go to thy dreamless bed,
Gentle, and meek, and mild,
With blessings on thy head:
Fresh roses in thy hand,
Buds on thy pillow laid,
Haste from this blighting land,
Where flowers so quickly fade."

General News.

Douglas Owens a young white man was shot and killed Sunday morning near Hubbard City, Texas.

J. W. Dunham while riding to Collinsville, Grayson county was struck by lightning and both man and horse were instantly killed Sunday. The bolt unjointed Dunham's neck, passed through his saddle, but left no mark on the horse.

A Nebraska Judge sent the mayor and the entire city council of Auburn, to jail last week for contempt.

Maj. Macnama committed suicide in Kansas Sunday rather than be sued for a $20 debt which he could not pay.

A little child of M. M. Burey, of Shawnee, Ok., wandered from home last Saturday and fell into a hole under the escape pipe of the engine at a mill near by, being scalded to death by escaping steam.

Trustee Election.

By order of the Commissioners Court, the trustees of each school district are appointed to hold said election for the purpose of electting one trustee, also to elect one or more to serve out the unexpired term caused by death, resignation or otherwise. Said election shall open at 10 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m., June 5th, 1897.

W. W. SHEPHERD, Co. Supt.

County Jail.

Henry Thomas and Hard Hardin were sent to the road May 6th, also Jesse Hammer, all to work out large fines. Jim Thompson, white, was released May 8th, on a $500 bond. He was confined on a charge of bigamy. These releases leave only nine prisoners in the county jail which only a short time ago contained in the neighborhood of thirty.

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"WATCH US WHILE WE RUN."

Calico, nice Styles, 2 cents a Yard.

Nice Dress Lawns, 2 cents a Yard.

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Ladies Shirt Waists, 24 Cents Each.

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Men's Large Hats now for 10 cents each.

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Parasols, White Goods,

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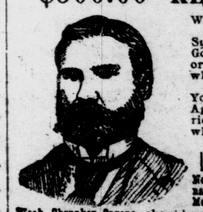

Will be paid for any case of Syphilis, Stricture, Gonorrhoea, Gleet, or Blood Poisoning which my remedies fail to cure. Young, Old, Middle Aged, Single, Married Men and all who suffer from the effects of

LOST MANHOOD

Nervous Debility, Unnatural Losses, Failing Memory, Undeveloped, Weak, Shrunken Organs, should write him for his

FREE BOOK OF TESTIMONIALS

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CATARRH—The treatment is mild and agreeable and based on scientific principles. Catarrhal diseases are dependent on some taint in the organism and it is by eradicating it that I CURE CATARRH.

BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES.—Old Ulcers, Old Sore Legs, Eczema, causing unbearable burning and itching of the skin, Pimples and Blotches on the face, Sore Scalp, causing falling hair.

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Consultation at office and by mail free and confidential. Send for symptom blank. Correspondence solicited.

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For thirty years Tutt's Pills have proven a blessing to the invalid. Are truly the sick man's friend.

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For bilious headache, dyspepsia sour stomach, malaria, constipation and all kindred diseases.

TUTT'S Liver PILLS
AN ABSOLUTE CURE.

CRISP LOCAL ITEMS.

Frank Hibblts is now presiding over a chair at the Foote House barber shop.

Miss Elliot Harris has returned from Comanche. Texas.

Moth balls cheap enough for anybody to use at Smith Bros.

Bill Stiff returned last week from a trip to the coast country.

The Nickle Store stands unrivaled in Collin county as a bargain house.

Mesdames W. L. Boyd and J. L. Greer visited in Dallas last week.

Neatsfoot oil for harness at Smith Bros.

Swan Foreman has accepted a position in a Fort Worth drug store.

Lightning Ice Cream Freezers, the best on the market at THE FAIR.

Mr. and Mrs. Will A. Parker returned from a visit to Wylie relatives.

Price Goostree & Houston's grocer ies. They invite you to.

L. L. Talkington and wife, of Bloomdale, visited friend and relatives in the Hub Saturday.

Experience proves the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves.

Jess Mounger. a well known barber of this city, has gone to Shreveport, La.

FOR SALE:—House and lot; within 1 block of Fairfield school Apply at THE DEMOCRAT office.

We can sell you sponge from five to fifty cents. Smith Bros.

Little Presley Duncan now belongs to the E. & H. Company No. 1. of the McKinney Fire Department.

Goostree & Houston are now the leaders of McKinney retail grocers.

Miss Belle Saunders of Basin Springs, Grayson county, is spending the week with her cousin, J. T. Couch and lady.

Red Currant-shrub, and Miner's Fruit Nectar are popular new drinks at our fountain. Smith Bros

Mrs. Steve Latham and children are visiting the family of Andrew Barker at Valdasta.

Useful and ornamental articles too numerous to mention at the Nickle Store.

Pack O'Brien and family have returned to California after an extended visit to friends and relatives in this county their former home.

Farmers and city folks buy groceries at Goostree & Houston's. No shoddy goods and everything goes for smallest margins.

Mrs. Lou Fields returned Thursday from a visit at Terrell. She is now spending a few days with her aged mother, Mrs. Rector in this city.

That tired, languid feeling cured by using Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. 50 cents and 50 doses. Purifies the blood, appetizer and strengthener.

Mrs. James Brown accompanied Mrs. A. J. Thompson home from Wylie Sunday and is visiting here for a few days.

Mr. Saunders and John Mantooth, two bright Altogaites, have recently entered school at the McKinney Institute.

We have a good soap 3 for 25c. Take a box home. Your wife will recognize the bargain. Smith Bros.

Mrs. Sallie E. Hedrick, wife of Charles E. Hedrick, formerly of Mc Kinney, died last Friday at Bristol, ten miles north of Ennis.

A visit to the Nickle Store would be both interesting and profitable. You are invited to call.

Miss Selden Fant departed Tuesday for her home in Holly Springs, Mississippi, after an extended visit to her brother, Euclid Fant and lady in McKinney.

All customers are courteously treated at Goostree & Houston's, the leading grocery firm of McKinney.

J. W. Knox of Desert will pay west Texas a visit during the next few months. His present address is Slidell, Texas.

Carbolic acid, Platt's chlorides, chloride lime and other disinfectants at Smith Bros.

Will Edwards is filling a vacancy on one of the cases in The Democrat composing room this week.

Many useful articles at the Nickle Store.

W. C. Burrus and wife left Monday for the panhandle country in quest of health and pleasure. Mr. Burrus is rapidly recovering from his recent paralytic stroke and hopes soon to be entirely well.

Maggie, the little 4. year old daughter J. P. Turner of Rock Hill, died Sunday morning after a short illness of whooping cough and fever. Interment in walnut Grove cemetery. The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of all in the loss of their precious darling.

Is that a blizzard? No! it's only wind passing over Mate Barnett's cold drinks!

Good insect powder for 50cts per lb at Smith Bros.

Trade with Goostree & Houston and you will always get fresh groceries.

Little Master Paul Wilson was a caller at THE DEMOCRAT sanctum Monday. He left a beautiful bouquet of varied perfume, blooms and buds to remind us of his pleasant visit.

"Going into a decline" How often do we hear this expression. What does it mean? It means that people are losing flesh, growing thin. wasting.

The way to correct this condition is to improve the digestion The condition arises from an inability to eat and digest food. In fact food does more harm than good because it ferments and petrefies in the stomach, developing poisonous subs.ances which when absorbed, cause various disorders.

What is required is that the stomach be made to perform its duties. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is a food already digested and a digester of foods as well. It will make the stomach healthy. Get a book from the druggist and read about it.

A California chemist has robbed Castor Oil of its bad taste.

Buy a good hair brush at Smith Bro's. It is worth lots of hair tonic

Rich, Red and Pure Blood can be had by using Dr. Simmons Sarsaparilla. Only 50 cents per bottle and 50 full doses for an adult

Mrs. M. L. McMenamy, mother of W. J. and T. L. McMenamy, is recovering from a serious illness She resides in Farmersville,

The Westfield (Ind.) NEWS prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured. I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. for sale by City Drug Store.

Just received, one car load of Fresh Portland Cement; also fire clay brick, sand, lime, etc. For sale cheap at Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard.

Wooten Well soda water at Smith Bros.

Scrofula and scrofulous eruptions, whether hereditary or contracted can be cured by the use of Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla. What it is composed of is printed on the label. Only 50 cents.

The Old Reliable Nickle Store is a McKinney fixture. Its stock is varied and immense and bargains are to be had there in almost anything you may need in your household.

Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla effectually aids weak, impaired, and debilitated organs of both sexes. Its action is quick and lasting. 50 cents and 50 doses.

Andrew Barker and family, of Blue Ridge, spent last Saturday night in the city with Steve Latham his brother-in-law.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

FROM THE FAIRHAVEN, (N. Y.) REGISTER.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Rowland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Balm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a pain and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever did her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes For sale by City Drug Store.

Nickle Store, first door west of postoffice, solicits your trade.

John Berry Cox, W. P. Polley, W. T. Bogen, Bill O'Gwin and K. K. Kerr met with the Owl club on East Fork below Grahams Bridge last Wednesday night. More fish than could be eaten.

"It is the Best on Earth."

That is what Edwards & Parker, merchants of Plains, Ga., say of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism, lame back, deep seated and muscular pains. Sold by City Drug Store.

Medicated nest eggs at Smith Bros.

Does your house need painting? Go to Wilcox & Sons' Lumber Yard for Vane Calvert Palace Car Colors, the best paint "on earth;" also Collier's White Lead, Pure Linseed oil, Brushes, Window glass, etc.

The delegates of the Firemen State Convention which meets at El Paso failed to get their passes, but the boys said they had to go, and put up the money—which makes Nancy Hanks trot.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cures the kidneys, regulates the liver, tones up the stomach, and purifies the bowels. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Will Trade.

Wanted—To trade a high grade bicycle for a buggy. Apply at Democrat office.

Hunyadi Janos water at Smith Bros.

The jovial face of Ben F. Tanner is again to be seen on our streets after an absence of several months. Mr. Tanner talks rotary disc plows to the farmers of Collin, and bolsters up his talks with works.

USE LALLEMAND'S SPECIFIC, FOR RHEUMATISM. A CERTAIN CURE. $1.00 PER VIAL. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

MOST PERFECT MADE.

A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.

40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

Drs. Hunn and Largent paid Altoga a profesional visit Saturday.

When you want to buy a house and lot in McKinney or a farm in the country call on F. W. Mack. Upstairs in Newsome building.

Mrs. Alex Rhea, of Dallas, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Murphy viisited in Sherman Sunday.

Prof. Tom Lewis will teach a summer school at Hegcoxe.

Mrs. Maude Powell is visiting in Gainesville.

The Grand Lodge' colored Knights of Pythias are in session at Sheaman.

Dr W. S. Bowden, dentist, has recently located in McKinney. His family arrived Saturday.

The Melissa public school closes tomorrow. W. M. Erwin of the county board of examiners is teacher.

A. A. Driver, who has been teaching in this county, returned to his home at Floyd last week.

The Collin County Milling Co., has moved its office from the south side of the square to the mill.

Profs. C. F. Trotter and G. P. Brown have been elected teachers of the approaching summer Normal. Prof. Reed is conductor.

Mrs. Maude Maydwell left yesterday for a week's visit to Corsicana relatives.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

Miss Alice Thomas returned Monday from a visit to her sister Mrs. G. R. Wear In Sherman.

Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard has been re-elected president of the state W. C. T. U.

Rev. Joel S. Graves and son, Brown, of Anna were here yesterday transacting business with a dentist.

The editor of THE DEMOCRAT and E. W. Kirkpatrick attended the annual meeting of the State Press Association at Greenville yesterday.

Hon. W. M. Abernathy, Joe Barnes and Jim Warden left Sunday night for El Paso to represent the McKinney Fire department at the state convention now in session.

G. C. Thompson, wife and little daughter, Lena, left Sunday on a visit to relatives at Caddo Mills. They may extend their visit to Kaufman county.

The heavy rain Monday evening caused a washout between Sherman and Howe which delayed the south bound canon ball three hours. It did not arrive here until 12:48.

Miss Adelle Rhine returned home Monday from Sherman where she has been for some months a student in the Mary Nash college.

Mack Webster arrived home Sunday evening from a two weeks' visit to his parents at Oxford, Miss. His father is a member of the legislature of that state and a prominent Oxford citizen.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One small bottle of Hall's Great Discovery cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder, in both men women. Regulates bladder trouble in children. If not sold by your druggist will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned.

E. W. HALL, Sole Manufacturer,
P. O. BOX 317, Waco, Texas

READ THIS.

Sherman, Tex., Aug. 17.

I certify that I have used Hall's Great Discovery in my family and I can recommend it to the public.

A. L. STRONG.

Sold by Smith Bros.

J. W. Kirkpatrick and family, of Whitesboro, were guests of E. W. Kirkpatrick and other McKinney relatives last week. They are accompanied by Charles Gess.

Wm. Allen shipped two carloads of hogs to Fort Worth Friday. John Hill left Saturday with three car loads of cattle for the Chicago market.

McKinney is afflicted with a bevy of young street loungers who seem determined to break into the pen at as early an age as possible.

E. B. Thompson and Will Lake of Loyal Council No. 52, Jr. O. U. A. M., of McKinney are in attendance at the state Grand Council in session at Sherman this week. Mr. Thompson is the representative and Mr. Lake is a visitor.

The Hook and Ladder boys held a call meeting Saturday night and decided to send their delegates to El Paso whom they had previously elected.

M'KINNEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	5½ to 6½cts.
Wheat per bus	90cts,
Corn per bus	35 to 40cts.
Oats per bus	23 to 25cts.
Hay baled per ton	$8.00 to $9.00.
Millet hay per ton	$7.00 to $7.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.00 to $2.60.
Millet seed per bus	40 to 50cts.
Meal per bus	45cts.
Straw per ton	$6.00
Chops per cwt	85cts.
Bran per cwt	85cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 15cts.
Eggs per doz	6 to 8cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.00 to $2.50.
Hogs per cwt	$2.90 to $3.10.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.00 to $2.25.
Beef dressed per lb	5cts.
Dressed pork per lb	4½cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.50 to 2.25.
Cotton seed per ton	$7.50.
Sorghum seed per bus	$1.00.
Alfalfa per ton	$9.00.

THE MONTH OF ROSES.

May is called the month of flowers, because under the increasing heat of the sun, vegetation blossoms rapidly and lends its varied hues to beautify the landscape.

During this month also there are unusual disturbances in the human body. Winter diet, the foul air of close rooms, insufficieut exercise, have left the system full of impurities, which, under the influence of warm weather manifest themselves in biliousness, tired feelings, sallowness, sluggish brain, nervousness, indigestion, loss of sleep. These symptoms are only forerunners of more serious diseases sure to follow, unless measures are taken to purify and strengthen the vital organs At this season the cleansing, regulating and strengthening properties of PRICKLY ASH BITTERS are particularly appropriate. It is four medicines in one. A kidney tonic, liver regulator, stomach stimulant and bowel purifier. A few doses taken when the annoying bilious symptoms appear will strengthen and tone up the system and enablf the body to pass through the heat o the summer unaffected by the diseases common to the season. Sold by Wallace & Everett.

Sent Free!

To any person interested in humane matters, or who loves animals, we will send free upon application, a copy of the "ALLIANCE," the organ of this Society. In addition to its intensely interesting reading, it contains a list of the valuable and unusual premiums given by the paper. Address THE NATIONAL HUMANE ALLIANCE, 410-411 United Charities Building, New York.

Clint Thompson, in addition to his editorial duties, is also engaged, to a a limited deegree in breeding thoroughbred Light Brahma chickens. Clint has a pen of faultless specimens of this breed of poultry and takes much pride in them.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema.

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanently cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25 cts. per box.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders, are just what a horse needs when in bad condition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. They are not food but medicine and the best in use to put a horse in prime condition. Price 25 cents per package

Early Saturday morning Drs. A. J. Caldwell and G. H. Provine, Messrs. John Younger and Ed Bomar departed for Bois d'Arc Island to spend a week fishing and hunting. Dennis Jaguers, colored, accompanied them as pilot and cook.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

After much good work and progress the Fairfield school closed its term Thursday. Prof. Yarbrough's enrollment reached 127. Friday the school chaperoned by Prof. Yarbrough joined in a joyous picnic at Rock Ford a few miles north east of town on East Fork. A large crowd witnessed the rendering of a literary program at the school house Saturday night.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

An interesting case was tried in Justice Faulkner's court one day last week. G. W. Rains, Sr., sued Sheriff W. S. Coffey for $60 damages, the value of a wagon, and $25 additional for loss of use of same which the plaintiff claimed had been wrongly seized. The sheriff came out victorious.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. May 13, '97, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C.

LADIES.

Cook S. E.	Eppley Emey
Fields Mary	Ham Beckey
Kaler Annie	Mour Morror
Plowman Ophelia	Powers R. M.
Spence Emer	TermoreEmma
Wallas Effa May.	

GENTLEMEN.

Balluz J W	Baker T H
Bsford W E	Crabtree W C
Cumbee W. B	Holloway Thos.
Jones J R	Jackson Frank
Leigh Argile	Powers Joe
Milligain Lousie	Stark Geo.
Stockstill Eli	Waggener A A
Webb Jno. W	Wright James

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

Mrs. M. A. Cameron,
Postmistress.

Midway Notes.

May 7th 1897.

Grandma Cole is convalescing.

Mrs. Will Norman is quite sick.

Some of our young people attended the Blue Ridge picnic.

Bob Lafevers, of Sister Grove, was in this community Sunday.

Mrs. Jane Frizzell, Miss Alice Miller, Messrs George Hanna, Frank Box, Parker Prather and Jasper Miller attended church at Illinois, Sunday.

Will Cogsdil and family were the guests of John Box Sunday.

Harve Miller left Tuesday for Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bomer visited Mr. Larkin and family Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Miller and J. P. Miller were in Farmersville Tuesday.

The merciless hand of death has again been felt in our midst to the great sorrow of Mr. and Mrs. Elec Hartman whose beloved son, Leonard, was borne to the unseen and mysterious beyond. He was a kind, lovable son and a favorite with all. Many friends and relatives followed the remains to Pleasant Grove cemetery where he was laid to rest Monday.

Green be the grass where Leonard sleeps,
And flowers in silece bloom;
To shed their fragrance through the air,
Around about the tomb.

VIOLET.

THE SHERMAN, SHREVEPORT AND SOUTHERN RAILW'Y COMPANY.

Through Service Between McKinney and Jefferson.

Two daily trains; Tickets sold via this route to points North, East, South or west. Connection with the H. & T. C. at McKinney; M. K. & T. and Cotton Belt at Greenville and T. & P. at Jefferson. For further information apply to your local agent or address,

E. M. Alvord, Gen. Supt.;
J. W. Chatham, G. F. & P. A.
Greenville, Texas.

W. N. Collier, Local Agent.

Anna Dots.

Anna, May 11, '97.

About 10 new buildings have been erected and remodeled, together, in the last 12 months.

Anna has a new barber shop run by Mr. Mayes.

Sol Howell & Co., are erecting a new building 30x60 to be used as a granary. This will give Anna two grain buyers. A. Shirly & Bro. being the other.

The railway officials are awaiting favorable weather to build some stock pens just south of town.

Brown Graves son of Rev. Graves has finished his storm house; it is a good one and affords room for about 15 persons.

The crop prospects about Anna are fine.

Anna is afflicted with the notious "town" cow. For the past few days sad havoc has been wrought to the gardens by an old red species of that brute owned by J. L. Greer of McKinney.

ANNIE.

RELIGIOUS.

Bishop J. C. Granberry will hold the annual conference in Texas this year of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. The Bishop is a Virginian.

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The eighth annual C. E. convention of Texas adjourned in Houston the 6th. instant to meet next year at Dallas. The new president elected was H. H. Grotthouse of Dallas.

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J. L. Todd left, Tuesday morning, to represent McKinney chapter No. 1084 at the sixth annual meeting of state Epworth League conference at Waco. The conference is attended by large numbers from every portion of the state. It concludes its three days session to-day.

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Rev. W. M. Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Dallas, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the McKinney public schools Thursday night May 27th. Rev. Anderson is one of the most eminent divines of his denomination in the south and will be greeted by a large congregation here on that occasion.

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The B. Y. P. U. is growing both in numbers and interest. We hope to see much good accomplished by the earnest efforts of these young people composing its membership. They meet at 4 o'clock every Sunday afternoon. Go out and encourage them and you yourself will be benefitted. The officers are, Mate Barnett, president; Miss Mattie Dowell, vice president; Conant King, secretary; Miss Minnie Mixon, treasurer; Miss Lizzie Crouch, organist.

On Tuesday evening next the 18th, there will be a Literary and Musical entertainment at the opera house for the rectory fund of the Episcopal Church. There will be an attractive programme, and our local talent will be assisted by parties both of Dallas and Greenville.

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Rev. J. F. Alderson, D. D., of Farmersville, will deliver sermons on the following subjects at Anna commencing at 11 a. m. the third Sunday in June: "Apostasy," "Subjects of Baptism," "Communion," "Design of Baptism." Rev. Alderson is regarded as one of the strongest doctrinal preachers in the M. E. Church South.

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G. W. Bailey, a Chinese lecturer, will lecture at the C. P. church three nights beginning tonight. Admission fees will be charged.

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The colored Baptists had a baptising in Wilson creek near Buck's bridge Sunday. The ordinance was administered to thirteen candidates.

Newt McKinney returned last week from Houston where he went as delegate of the Endeavor to the state convention.

Rev. Joel S. Graves preaches next Sunday at 11 and at night.

The eighth annual Christian Endeavor convention of Texas at Houston was not so large, comparing attendance, as the previous one at San Antonio but its success out shone all the others. H. H. Grotthouse, the beloved Dallas Endeavor, was elected president. The superintendents of the eleven districts are: San Antonio, Mrs. J. C. McKinney, San Antonio; Austin, Bernard Brown, Taylor; Galveston, Rev. H. F. Armistead, Galveston; the Rev. George M. Oakley, Marshall; Paris, John H Porter, Paris; Dallas, Plummer Harris, McKinney; Gainesville, S. R. Ludlow, Sherman; Vernon, A. A. Low, Vernon; El Paso, F. E. Morris, El Paso; Brownwood, M. G. Hargrave, Brownwood; Colby Hall, Waco. The chairman of the committee on awards, reported that the medal presented at San Antonia for the district superintendent who performed the greatest Christain Endeavor work during the year, had been won by Plummer Harris, superintendent of the Dallas district. It was presented at San Antonio to the superintendent of the Galveston district.

The medal is a Texas star upon a golden sunset, the words "Texas Union" being engraved on the star, one letter of each words being upon each point of the star. In the center of the star are the raised enameled letters "C. E." The bar from which the medal is suspended is engraved in black enamel, "Presented by William G. Bell, 1896." Upon the reverse of the medal is the word "Fidelis." The McKinney C. E's are pardonably proud of their local president whose ceaseless energy for Christ and his cause has thus been recognized throughout the state. All will be proud to learn Mr. Harris was retained as president of the Dallas district which is composed of Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Kaufman, Rockwall and Johnson counties.

Literary Societies.

Program to be rendered by the members of the Athenaeum and Sapphonian Societes of the McKinney College, Friday evening, May 14, 1897.

PROGRAM.

Invocation.—Rev. S. K. Hallam.

Instrumental music.—Miss Addie Bailey.

Declamation.—Mr. Claude D. White.

Instrumental music—Miss Florence Melton.

DEBATE.

Resolved, "That the Old Bachelor's Station in Life is Superior to that of the Old Maid's." Affirmative, J. S. Dowell Jr.; Negative, Miss Lena R. Love.

Violin.—Miss Lizzie Jernigan.

Speech.—Mr. Tom H. Horn.

Oration.—Mr. J. H. Ferguson.

Vocal Solo. — Miss Maggie Shain.

Recitation. — Miss Belle Matthews.

Paper.—Society.

Benediction.—Rev. E. E. King.

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MASS MEETING.

Of Collin County Populists called by Chairman Forbes to meet in McKinney.

Blue Ridge, Tex., May 11th, 1897.—To the populists of Collin county: In accordance with the call of State Chairman Bradley, I hereby call you to assemble in mass meeting in the city of McKinney at 1 p. m. Saturday, May 29th for the purpose of considering matters of grave importance.

The main object of this mass meeting is to determine whether the populists of Collin county are favorable to or stand opposed to the national delegated conference called to meet in Nashville, Tenn. July 4th, by a committee of seven appointed by the late Memphis meeting of National Reform Editors. It might be well for me to state that serious differences of opinion are entertained by members of our party in reference to the propriety of holding this Nashville meeting. National chairman Butler is opposed to it and claims that a majority of his committee believe like him that this meeting is inexpedient and unwise, while the chairman of the National Reform Press Association committee also claims that he too has corresponded with a majority of the national committeemen and that they are for the National meeting.

If the populists of Collin county decide for this national delegated conference July 4th, they will take action on such matters as are indicated in Chairman Bradley's call published elsewhere in this issue, to-wit; to vote for, and against fusion, for and against officeholders and candidates participating in our conventions and for and against proxy representation in any of our meetings.

"That one delegate for each 100 votes and majority fraction thereof cast for Major Kearby last year be elected to attend the congressional convention that will be called to elect delegates to the Nashville conference in case of a majority of our party so vote. Where counties did not cast 100 votes for Kearby, have no organization or the county chairman fails or neglects to call said meetings, it is suggested that the individual populists assemble at the county seat on the day designated and take the vote and elect delegates in the regular manner heretofore mentioned.

That at these meetings a roll book be opened, the name and address of every populist present entered therein and is thought advisable a central county populist club organized.

That all the meetings resolutions be passed expressing the sense of the body upon such other matters as may suggest themselves to those participating in said meetings." E. C. Forbes.

Co. Chairman.

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Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of the McKinney Collegiate Institute will occur Wednesday night, May 26th. Several graduates will be turned out on this occasion and a highly entertaining program will be rendered by the pupils. Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, of Sulphur Springs, will preach the baccalaureate sermon Sunday night in the Baptist church. President Dodson and faculty feel a just pride at the eminent degree of success attending their diligent labors to place the Institute on an established basis as a high graded educational institution during the present and past terms. McKinney joins with them in these feelings of pride, and contemplates with the keenest interest its recurring annual commencements.

Cruel Death.

The announcement, Sunday evening, of the death of Mamie Largent caused a hush and gloom of sadness to settle over the town. Few, even, of the relatives knew of her illness which lasted less than twenty four hours and the sudden shock of its fatal termination was a sad blow to the widowed mother, brothers and sisters.

The deceased was the 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. I. T. Largent and a sister of Dr. J. W. Largent. She had only lived in McKinney a few months, having moved with her mother from Melissa, but her kindly disposition had won the affection of all her school mates during the brief period of her residence here. Saturday evening she was seized with congestion and rapidly grew worse and worse, in spite of all medical attention, until death relieved her suffering. At noon Monday her school mates, under the direction of the teachers, marched in a body to the residence and left numerous beautiful wreathes and boquets of flowers as tokens of their love for a departed companion. Quite a number followed the remains to the Melissa cemetery where the burial occurred at 3 p. m. Eld. R. V. Stapp conducting the funeral rites. Six girls, members of T. E. Shirley's Sunday school class of Melissa, acted as pall bearers and sorrowfully bore the body of her who had long been one of their number, to its narrow bed within the grave.

"Go to thy rest, fair child!
Go to thy dreamless bed,
Gentle, and meek, and mild,
With blessings on thy head:
Fresh roses in thy hand,
Buds on thy pillow laid,
Haste from this blighting land,
Where flowers so quickly fade."

General News.

Douglas Owens a young white man was shot and killed Sunday morning near Hubbard City, Texas.

J. W. Dunham while riding to Collinsville, Grayson county was struck by lightning and both man and horse were instantly killed Sunday. The bolt unjointed Dunham's neck, passed through his saddle, but left no mark on the horse.

A Nebraska Judge sent the mayor and the entire city council of Auburn, to jail last week for contempt.

Maj. Macnama committed suicide in Kansas Sunday rather than be sued for a $20 debt which he could not pay.

A little child of M. M. Burey, of Shawnee, Ok., wandered from home last Saturday and fell into a hole under the escape pipe of the engine at a mill near by, being scalded to death by escaping steam.

Trustee Election.

By order of the Commissioners Court, the trustees of each school district are appointed to hold said election for the purpose of electting one trustee, also to elect one or more to serve out the unexpired term caused by death, resignation or otherwise. Said election shall open at 10 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m., June 5th, 1897.

W. W. SHEPHERD, Co. Supt.

County Jail.

Henry Thomas and Hard Hardin were sent to the road May 6th, also Jesse Hammer, all to work out large fines. Jim Thompson, white, was released May 8th, on a $500 bond. He was confined on a charge of bigamy. These releases leave only nine prisoners in the county jail which only a short time ago contained in the neighborhood of thirty.

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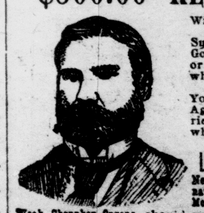

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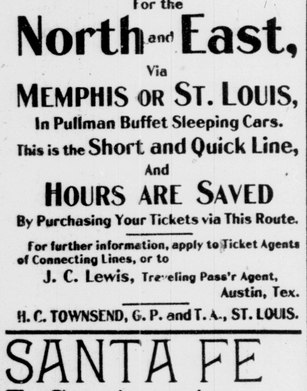

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CALL FOR MASS MEETING.

The Chairman of the Populist Executive Committee Issues an Official Call.

ASKS THAT MASS MEETINGS BE HELD

In Every County by the Populists to Decide Whether a Conference Shall be Held.

Abilene, Tex.,, May 5.—The following is self explanatory:

To the populists of Texas: The Omaha platform is the first declaration of political principles ever formulated by the common people of this country. All other platforms have been made by the leaders and handed down to the people. The Omaha platform originated with the people. Delegates from the great labor organizations met in St. Louis Feb. 22, 1892, and agreed to submit to the membership of the various organizations there represented the fundamental principles of correct constitutional government that had been discussed for years in lodge rooms of the nation. Before the adjournment of the St. Louis conference a resolution was passed pledging the support of all the organizations who should ratify action of said conference to any political party that would incorporate their demands in their party platform, and declaring for independent political action in case neither of the two old parties adopted their demands. The declaration of principles promulgated at St. Louis met the hearty approval of the individual members of the great labor organizations. The principles of the referendum were applied, and beginning with the individual members after thorough discussion the vote was carried up from the local lodge of the county organization, from county to state and from the states to the national bodies. The St. Louis declaration was then officially declared binding upon the membership of the organizations which had ratified the action of the conference. The democratic convention at Chicago and the republican convention at Minneapolis both ignored the demands of the producing classes. The people's party, newly organized, announced its intention to adopt the demands of organized labor as its platform and called a national convention to meet at Omaha, July 4, 1892.

The Omaha convention adopted the demands of organized labor. The separation from the two old monopoly parties was declared to be permanent and perpetual. Men who were present can never forget the scene that followed the reading of the platform at Omaha. Strong men wept. Brave men clasped hands and pledged, each to the other, his sacred honor to battle under our own flag until victory crowned our united efforts. A million votes were polled for that ticket and Texas furnished more of them than any of her sister states.

In the election of 1894 our party nearly doubled its vote. The monopoly, trust and combine magnates became alarmed. A deliberate and well matured plan was formed to destroy the young and growing party. The democratic party—the one that had been used to destroy the old greenback organization—was selected to destroy the people's party. At the St. Louis convention, after the nomination of the gallant Watson, W. J. Bryan—by methods that will not be defended—was nominated as our candidate for president.

In eleven of the northwestern states in 1894 the democratic party polled 154,271 votes, while the people's party received 438,482 votes, yet by fusion deals our strength was so frittered away that while Bryan carried most of these states Watson only received twenty-seven electoral votes all told, part of those coming from the south.

Serious differences of opinion now exist in our party as to party management. If fusion is to be the policy of the party in the future, southern populists—and we think our brethren in the other states as well—want to know it. If we are to fight under our own flag we want to know that.

Believing that harmony would be restored in our party and the old time enthusiasm revived among "the boys in the trenches" by a national delegated conference, the National Reform Press association at its late annual meeting at Memphis passed the following resolution:

Resolved, that this association appoint a committee of seven, who in the event the national committee fails to call a national conference, shall formulate a call for a national delegate conference, to be held not later than July 4, and submit the same through the reform press and populist workers to the populists of the nation for approval of same, and in case a majority voting thereon shall approve the call it shall be effective, otherwise void. Result of vote to be returned to the president of this association.

Acting under authority of this resolution the committee met and issued a call for such conference to assemble in Nashville, Tenn., July 4, 1897. This call has been generally published by the reform press. It is therefore, not necessary to repeat here the various steps taken by committee leading to this call. The basis of representation will be one delegate for each 2500 populist (not fusion) vote; cast in any election since 1892.

This call will be void unless ratified by a majority of those participating in the mass meetings of our party. All power is in the people. Those temporarily entrusted with party management are simply executive officers and as such are only authorized to obtain an official expression from the individual member of the party and carry out the wishes of the majority. The peoples party has no room for "leaders."

It now remains with the populists of this state to say whether or not they desire to be represented at the Nashville conference. If opposed to the conference you will vote against it in the mass meetings, and if in favor of it you will vote for it. In a spirit of fraternity let us have full and free interchange of views.

Not having time to consult with the state executive committee, but believing that my action in this matter will be sustained by the committee (and in case my action is not indorsed there is ample time in which to notify the party, and it will be done); I respectfully make to our county chairmen and all other members of our party throughout the state the following suggestions:

1. That county mass meetings be held throughout the state on Saturday, May 29, at 10 a. m. at the court houses or other places designated in the call.

2. That at these meetings a division be taken and the vote for and against the conference be sent to me by first mail after the meetings adjourn.

3. That there may be no misunderstanding as to the future policy of our party in this state I request that a vote be taken for and against fusion, for and against officeholders and candidates participating in our conventions and for and against proxy representation in any of our meetings; and that the result of these votes be sent to me also.

4. That one delegate for each 100 votes and majority fraction thereof cast for Major Kearby last year be elected to attend the congressional convention that will be called to elect delegates to the Nashville conference in case of a majority of our party so vote. Where counties did not cast 100 votes for Kearby, have no organization or the county chairman fails or neglects to call said meetings, it is sugested that the individual populists assemble at the county seat on the day designated and take the vote and elect delegates in the regular manner heretofore mentioned.

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6. That all the meetings resolutions be passed expressing the sense of the body upon such other matters as may suggest themselves to those participating in said meetings. Repectfully submitted, J. S. Bradley,

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HAS A TAME TARANTULA.

Texas Story About One of Those Things That Bite for a Living.

[FROM CHICAGO WORLD.]

McKinney, Texas, April 14.—Mr. D. Goodin, a jeweler in this city, a place of about 8,000 inhabitants in North Texas, has for a pet a large tarantula. It is as large as an ordinary dinner saucer. He keeps this huge spider in a small cage in his jewelry store and is always willing to take it in his hands and fondle and pet it and have it perform tricks for those who desire to see it and who have courage enough to remain where they can see. Mr. Goodin is the only man in the world who handles these deadly spiders. He is as fond of his pet as a child would be of a playful kitten. The tarantula seems to know his master's voice and seems to understand what is said to him. Joe, which is the tarantula's name, knows several clever tricks, such as jumping from one hand to the other, marching as a soldier and carrying a wooden toothpick for a rifle, picking up a small tin box lid filled with water and carrying it around over the top of a show case without spilling any of the water, besides several other little tricks. Joe will also spin a web on his master's coat sleeve at command Mr. Goodin often allows Joe to run about on his work bench and play with his watchmakers' tools, and the spider often crawls all over his master, going into his pocket, up his coat sleeve, etc.

Still Mr. Goodin is very caretul not to frighten nervous people with his pet. It attracts many curious and novelty-loving people to his store. He also has in his store a large showcase filled with curios from different portions of the world. Mr. Goodin says that the tarantula has all the poison it ever had and that there is no means by which the poison can be extracted without causing death. Joe's fangs are as long as those of a six-foot rattlesnake, and Mr. Goodin often exhibits them by raising them with a lead pencil. Joe is placed on his back during this operation and lies perfectly still as if he enjoyed the whole performance. Mr. Goodin claims to have made tarantulas a special study for a number of years and often captures and picks up wild ones with his bare hands. He has been bitten but once. That was when playing with Joe. He played too roughly and made Joe mad, when the spider bit him, or started to, but just as he went to strike Mr. Goodin spoke to him sharply and he tried to stop, but had gone too far and the points of the fangs pierced the skin, but he withdrew them quickly. His master scolded him severely and Joe scampered across the showcase to his cage and crouched up in one corner. The bite resulted in nothing more than a little sore spot, which disappeared in a day or so. Joe has never attempted to bite him again.

A Cheap Hair Cut.

There is in New York city a little German barber shop, the proprietor of which has a grievance against the Irish race that will not be wiped out for some time. One evening in his hearty German way he welcomed a customer—a burly son of Ireland with an enormous shock of hair, who roughly cried:

"Oi want a hair cut. Do yez mind?"

"Yah von hair cut mit der head?"

"Yis that's it: wan hair cut," and with a yawn the Celtic gentleman threw himself in the chair.

While the barber was preparing his scissors the Irishman nodded a few times, and in a short while had apparently dropped into a doze. The barber went industriously to work, and the locks fell with every clip of the scissors. Meanwhile the Irishman slept on. At last the hair was cut and brushed, and the barber exclaimed:

"Ach, dat is goot, You looks jost like von gentleman."

With a start the gentleman of Ireland awoke and gave a glance in the mirror.

"Say Germany, did Oi ask yez to cut my hair?"

"Yah, don's vot I do."

"What's that? Did Oi say Oi wanted my hair cut? Did Oi?"

"Yoh, yah! Dot's right."

With a rush the Irishman grabbed him by the collar.

"Look here Germany, Oi said Oi wanted a hair cut; that's wan hair—do yez hear?—the long wan that was hanging in front. For what do yez want to be cuttin all ol thim? Oi'll have the law on yez at once for that."

And with a wrathful countenance he slapped on his hat and left the place before the astonished barber could recover from his fright.

When the rollicking Irish wit turned the corner he was heard to remark:

"Faith, that's a chape way to get a hair cut."—Harper's Round Table.

Collin County Alliance.

The farmers alliance which has been sleeping in Collin county some time is again reviving.

An interesting meeting was held with Cedar alliance ten miles north of Farmersville on Wednesday April 21st. The officers elected last July, not having been installed, it was ruled by state lecturer Brandenburg who was present, that the old officers should hold over until their successors should be duly installed. Under the ruling A. C. Stroup president and Miss Sallie Stroup acted as secretary.

Many encouraging words were spoken by various brethern present.

Bro. Nance of Cedar alliance delivered an address of welcome which was responded to by E. C. Forbes and the state lecturer.

On motion the following committee on good of the order was appointed:

J. L. Mayes, A. C. Stroup and L. Holt.

The alliance then ajourned for dinner and as the alliance men are afflicted with the evils of overproduction the delegates fared sumptuously.

Cedar alliance never does anything by halves and in extending hospitality they do it by threes and fours.

In the afternoon session after same routine business the committee on good of the order reported.

The report was unanimously adopted. The following brethren were elected as organizers for the county: Sol Dorn, E. F. England, Bro. Woody, J. L Mayes, L. Holt and E. C. Forbes.

Short talks were made by several brethren advocating the system of cooperation just adopted.

Hickman alliance was chosen as the place of the July meeting after which the alliance closed.

At night Wesley Brandenburg the state lecturer delivered an excellent lecture on the practical work of the alliance to a good audience.

Poetical Joint Resolution

Austin, Tex., May 7.—Senator Beall arose in the senate this morning and in a neat, short speech, stated that a senator was guilty of writing poetry and as that particular senator was from the wild west, where he thought there was no poetic inspirations, he was much surprised, the senator he referred to was not here to defend himself, but the poetry had fallen into his hands and he would present it in the form of a joint resolution. Senator Tillett of Abilene was the senator referred to by Senator Beall. The reading of the resolution caused much laughter, the chair ruled it out of order. The resolution is as follows:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Fixing May 17, 1897, as the date for the sine die adjournment of the twenty-fifth legislature.

Be it resolved by the senate of the state of Texas, the house of representatives concurring, that:

Whereas, these legislative halls
With eloquence, galore,
Have now been ringing viciously
One hundred days or more.

And whereas, members all agree
That when their board they pay
Except for transportation free,
They could not get away

And whereas every member knows,
The cost of simple living
Amounts to more than twice the pay.
This glorious job is giving.

And whereas, the people seem to think,
According to the papers,
We spend our time in "jamming wind"
And cutting foolish capers.

Now, therefore, let it be resolved,
By this, the legislature,
Of this the greatest state which lies,
Upon the lap of Nature.

That noon the 17th day of May,
Eighteen and ninety seven,
We sine die do adjourn
To meet, we hope, in Heaven.

Modes of Mortality.

According to an exchange very few persons merely "die". The banker "passes in his checks," the cashier "goes to his last account," the mugwump "joins the great majority," the cobbler "breathes his last," the saloon keeper "seeks the spirit land," the gambler "shuffles off," the stable man "kicks the bucket," the spiritualistic medium "gives up the ghost," the accountant "goes to his long reckoning," the football player "makes a goal," the baseball player "hits the home plate," and the editor "suspends publication."

To the Members of the National Reform Press Association.

A National Conference. to meet at Nashville Tenn., July 4th 1897, having been called by a committee appointed by the Association, it has been suggested by leading Members of the organization that a meeting of the Press should be held about the same date. Complying with said suggestion I hereby call a special meeting of the N. R. P. A. to assemble in the City of Nashville on July 2 two days preceding the date for the National Populist Conference. All members of the Reform Press in good standing, eligible newspaper editors and publishers desiring to join the Association, are earnestly and fraternally urged to be in attendance. The existence of the reform movement as a living, vitalizing force in the politics of this country depends upon the success of the Nashville Conference. The Reform press can do much to make it a success, if it will. Come to Nashville July 2.

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"Now, Maude, why won't you kiss Miss Prettiman?"

"Cos when papa kissed her last week, she slapped his face."—Nuggits.

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Pat—Oi'll take the ten dollars if your honor plaze.—Ex.

Mrs. Fangle—Mrs. Snodgras never had hay fever when I knew her five years ago.

Mrs. Cumso—But she has became a grass widow since then—Ex.

Howso—Why do you board at that low-toned place?

Cumso—You wonldn't say it was low-toned if you could see some of the big bugs there.—Ex.

Mattie—How did James propose?

Ruby—Well, he just pressed the button, so to speak, and I did the rest.

She—But a woman can make money go farther than a man can.

He—Yes! I've known you to travel half over the city to spend a half dollar, when a man would have parted with it at the first store he went into.—Ex.

Mrs. Telall—Mr. Plunks is all torn up about that burglary.

Mr. T.—Yes; and Mrs. Plunks is tickled to death because now everybody knows that she had six dozen silver spoons to be stolen.

"Look, Gerald! Your father and Captain Armstrong are giving Ella a lesson on the bicycle."

"Yes, Mamie; but why does Ella always fall off on Captain Armstrong's side?"

Mrs. Dresswell (pouting)—Before we were married, you used to tell me I was the dearest thing in the world.

Mr. D. (who had just paid for a $20 Easter hat)—Exactly, and you certainly have never given me any cause to think otherwise."—G. L. L.

A Sudden Death

Mrs. Waites Montgomery died at Fayburg Thursday morning rather suddenly. While milking the night before she was stricken with paralysis and never spoke thereafter. Apparently she was in good health and had just returned from a trip to Denton county a few days ago.—Farmersville Times.

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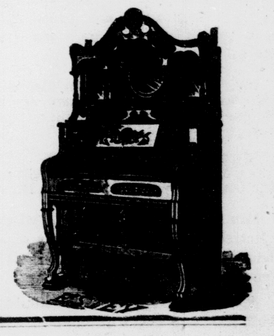

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